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To the Right Honourable

Henry Boyle, Eſq;

SIR,

AS the profeſt Deſign of this Work is to entertain its Readers in general, without giving Offence to any particular Perſon, it would be difficult to find out ſo proper a Patron for it as Your Self, there being none whoſe Merit is more uni-

verſally acknowledged by all Parties, and who has made himſelf more Friends and fewer Enemies. Your great Abilities, and unqueſtioned Integrity, in thoſe high Employments which You have paſs'd through, would not have been able to have raiſed You this general Approbation, had they not been accompanied with that Moderation in an high Fortune, and that Affability of Manners, which are ſo conſpicuous through all Parts of Your Life. Your Averſion to any Oſtentatious Arts of ſetting to Show thoſe great Services which You have done the Publick, has not likewiſe a little contributed to that Univerſal Acknowledgment which is paid You by Your Country.

The Conſideration of this Part of Your Character, is that which hinders me from enlarging on thoſe Extraordinary Talents, which have given You

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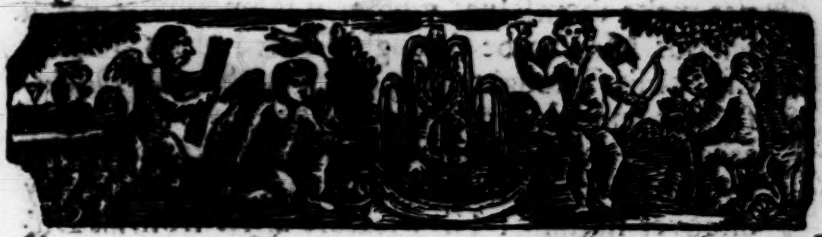
ſo great a Figure in the *Britiſh* Senate, as well as on that Elegance and Politeneſs which appear in your more retired Converſation. I ſhould be unpardonable, if, after what I have ſaid, I ſhould longer detain You with an Addreſs of this Nature: I cannot, however, conclude it without owning thoſe great Obligations which You have laid upon,

SIR,

Your moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

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In amore hæc omnia inſunt vitia; injuriæ, Suſpiciones, inimicitiæ, induciæ, Bellum, pax rurſum.——— Ter. Eun.

UPON looking over the Letters of my Female Correſpondents, I find ſeveral from Women complaining of jealous Husbands, and at the ſame Time proteſting their own Innocence; and deſiring my Advice on this Occaſion. I ſhall therefore take this Subject into my Conſideration; and the more willingly, becauſe I find that the Marquiſs of *Halliſax*, who, in his *Advice to a Daughter*, has inſtructed a Wife how to behave herſelf towards a falſe, an intemperate, a cholerick, a ſullen, a covetous or a ſilly Husband, has not ſpoken one Word of a jealous Husband.

JEALOUSY is that Pain which a Man feels from the Apprehenſion that he is not equally beloved by the Perſon whom he entirely loves. Now, becauſe our inward Paſſions and Inclinations can ne

ver make themſelves viſible, it is impoſſible for a jealous Man to be throughly cured of his Suſpicions. His Thoughts hang at beſt in a State of Doubtfulneſs and Uncertainty; and are never capable of receiving any Satisfaction on the advantagious Side; ſo that his Enquiries are moſt ſucceſsful when they diſcover nothing: His Pleaſure ariſes from his Diſappointments, and his Life is ſpent in Purſuit of a Secret that deſtroys his Happineſs if he chance to find it.

AN ardent Love is always a ſtrong Ingredient in this Paſſion; for the ſame Affection which ſtirs up the jealous Man's Deſires, and gives the Party beloved ſo beautiful a Figure in his Imagination, makes him believe ſhe kindles the ſame Paſſion in others, and appears as amiable to all Beholders. And as Jealouſy thus ariſes from an extraordinary Love, it is of ſo delicate a Nature, that it ſcorns to take up with any thing leſs than an equal Return of Love. Not the warmeſt Expreſſions of Affection, the ſofteſt and moſt tender Hypocriſy, are able to give any Satisfaction, where we are not perſuaded that the Affection is real and the Satisfaction mutual. For the Jealous Man wiſhes himſelf a kind of Deity to the Perſon he loves: He would be the only Pleaſure of her Senſes, the Employment of her Thoughts; and is angry at every thing ſhe admires, or takes Delight in, beſides himſelf.

PHÆDRIA's Requeſt to his Miſtreſs, upon his leaving her for three Days, is inimitably beautiful and natural.

Cum milite iſto præſens, abſens ut ſies:
Dies noctesque me ames: me deſideres:
Me ſomnies: me expectes: de me cogites:
Me ſperes: me te oblectes: mecum tota ſis:
Meus fac ſis poſtremò animus, quando ego ſum tuus.
Ter. Eun.

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THE jealous Man's Diſeaſe is of ſo malignant a Nature, that it converts all he takes into its own Nouriſhment. A cool Behaviour ſets him on the Rack, and is interpreted as an Inſtance of Averſion or Indifference; a fond one raiſes his Suſpicions, and looks too much like Diſſimulation and Artifice. If the Perſon he loves be cheerful, her Thoughts muſt be employed on another; and if ſad, ſhe is certainly thinking on himſelf. In ſhort, there is no Word or Geſture ſo inſignificant, but it gives him new Hints, feeds his Suſpicions, and furniſhes him with freſh Matters of Diſcovery: So that if we conſider the Effects of this Paſſion, one would rather think it proceeded from an inveterate Hatred than an exceſſive Love; for certainly none can meet with more Diſquietude and Uneaſineſs than a ſuſpected Wife, if we except the jealous Husband.

BUT the great Unhappineſs of this Paſſion is, that it naturally tends to alienate the Affection which it is ſo ſollicitous to engroſs; and that for theſe two Reaſons; becauſe it lays too great a Conſtraint on the Words and Actions of the ſuſpected Perſon, and at the ſame Time ſhews you have no honourable Opinion of her; both of which are ſtrong Motives to Averſion.

NOR is this the worſt Effect of Jealouſy; for it often draws after it a more fatal Train of Conſequences, and makes the Perſon you ſuſpect guilty of the very Crimes you are ſo much afraid of. It is very natural for ſuch who are treated ill and upbraided falſely, to find out an intimate Friend that will hear their Complaints, condole their Sufferings, and endeavour to ſooth and aſſwage their ſecret Reſentments. Beſides, Jealouſy puts a Woman often in Mind of an ill thing that ſhe would not otherwiſe perhaps have thought of, and fills her Imagination with ſuch an unlucky Idea, as in time grows familiar, excites Deſire, and loſes all the Shame

Shame and Horrour which might at firſt attend it. Nor is it a Wonder, if ſhe who ſuffers wrongfully in a Man's Opinion of her, and has therefore nothing to forfeit in his Eſteem, reſolves to give him Reaſon for his Suſpicions, and to enjoy the Pleaſure of the Crime, ſince ſhe muſt undergo the Ignominy. Such probably were the Conſiderations that directed the Wiſe Man in his Advice to Huſbands; *Be not jealous over the Wife of thy Boſom, and teach her not an evil Leſſon againſt thy ſelf.* Eccluſ.

AND here, among the other Torments which this Paſſion produces, we may uſually obſerve that none are greater Mourners than jealous Men, when the Perſon who provoked their Jealouſy is taken from them. Then it is that their Love breaks out furiouſly, and throws off all the Mixtures of Suſpicion which choaked and ſmothered it before. The beautiful Parts of the Character riſe uppermoſt in the jealous Husband's Memory, and upbraid him with the ill-Uſage of ſo divine a Creature as was once in his Poſſeſſion; whilſt all the little Imperfections that were before ſo uneaſy to him, wear off from his Remembrance, and ſhew themſelves no more.

WE may ſee by what has been ſaid, that Jealouſy takes the deepeſt Root in Men of amorous Diſpoſitions; and of theſe we find three Kinds who are moſt over-run with it.

THE Firſt are thoſe who are conſcious to themſelves of any Infirmity, whether it be Weakneſs, old Age, Deformity, Ignorance, or the like. Theſe Men are ſo well acquainted with the unamiable Part of themſelves, that they have not the Confidence to think they are really beloved; and are ſo diſtruſtful of their own Merits, that all Fondneſs towards them puts them out of Countenance, and looks like a Jeſt upon their Perſons. They grow ſuſpi-

ſuſpicious on their firſt looking in a Glaſs, and are ſtung with Jealouſy at the Sight of a Wrinkle. A handſome Fellow immediately alarms them, and every thing that looks young or gay turns their Thoughts upon their Wives.

A ſecond Sort of Men, who are moſt liable to this Paſſion, are thoſe of cunning, wary, and diſtruſtful Tempers. It is a Fault very juſtly found in Hiſtories compoſed by Politicians, that they leave nothing to Chance or Humour, but are ſtill for deriving every Action from ſome Plot or Contrivance, for drawing up a perpetual Scheme of Cauſes and Events, and preſerving a conſtant Correſpondence between the Camp and the Council-Table. And thus it happens in the Affairs of Love with Men of too refined a Thought. They put a Conſtruction on a Look, and find out a Deſign in a Smile; they give new Senſes and Significations to Words and Actions; and are ever tormenting themſelves with Fancies of their own raiſing: They generally act in a Diſguiſe themſelves, and therefore miſtake all outward Shows and Appearances for Hypocriſy in others; ſo that I believe no Men ſee leſs of the Truth and Reality of Things, than theſe great Refiners upon Incidents, who are ſo wonderfully ſubtle and over-wiſe in their Conceptions.

Now what theſe Men fancy they know of Women by Reflection, your lewd and vicious Men believe they have learned by Experience. They have ſeen the poor Husband ſo miſ-led by Tricks and Artifices, and in the midſt of his Enquiries ſo loſt and bewildered in a crooked Intrigue, that they ſtill ſuſpect an Under-plot in every female Action; and eſpecially where they ſee any Reſemblance in the Behaviour of two Perſons, are apt to fancy it proceeds from the ſame Deſign in both. Theſe Men therefore bear hard upon the

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ſuſpected Party, purſue her cloſe through all her Turnings and Windings, and are too well acquainted with the Chace, to be flung off by any falſe Steps or Doubles: Beſides, their Acquaintance and Converſation has lain wholly among the vicious Part of Womenkind, and therefore it is no Wonder they cenſure all alike, and look upon the whole Sex as a Species of Impoſtors. But if, notwithſtanding their private Experience, they can get over theſe Prejudices, and entertain a favourable Opinion of ſome *Woman*; yet their own looſe Deſires will ſtir up new Suſpicions from another Side, and make them believe all *Men* ſubject to the ſame Inclinations with themſelves.

WHETHER theſe or other Motives are moſt predominant, we learn from the modern Hiſtories of *America*, as well as from our own Experience in this Part of the World, that Jealouſy is no Northern Paſſion, but rages moſt in thoſe Nations that lie neareſt the Influence of the Sun. It is a Misfortune for a Woman to be born between the Tropicks; for there lie the hotteſt Regions of Jealouſy, which as you come northward cools all along with the Climate, till you ſcarce meet any thing like it in the Polar Circle. Our own Nation is very temperately ſituated in this reſpect; and if we meet with ſome few diſordered with the Violence of this Paſſion, they are not the proper Growth of our Country, but are many Degrees nearer the Sun in their Conſtitution than in their Climate.

AFTER this frightful Account of Jealouſy, and the Perſons who are moſt ſubject to it, it will be but fair to ſhew by what means the Paſſion may be beſt allay'd, and thoſe who are poſſeſſed with it ſet at Eaſe. Other Faults indeed are not under the Wife's Juriſdiction, and ſhould, if poſſible, eſcape her Obſervation; but Jealouſy calls upon her particularly for its Cure, and deſerves all her Art and Appli-

Application in the Attempt: Beſides, ſhe has this for her Encouragement, that her Endeavours will be always pleaſing, and that ſhe will ſtill find the Affection of her Husband riſing towards her in Proportion as his Doubts and Suſpicions vaniſh; for, as we have ſeen all along, there is ſo great a Mixture of Love in Jealouſy as is well worth the ſeparating. But this ſhall be the Subject of another Paper. L

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Credula res amor eſt.——— Ovid. Met.

HAVING in my Yeſterday's Paper diſcovered the Nature of Jealouſy, and pointed out the Perſons who are moſt ſubject to it, I muſt here apply my ſelf to my Fair Correſpondents, who deſire to live well with a jealous Husband, and to eaſe his Mind of its unjuſt Suſpicions.

THE firſt Rule I ſhall propoſe to be obſerved is, that you never ſeem to diſlike in another what the jealous Man is himſelf guilty of, or to admire any thing in which he himſelf does not excel. A jealous Man is very quick in his Applications, he knows how to find a double Edge in an Invective, and to draw a Satyr on himſelf out of a Panegyrick on another. He does not trouble himſelf to conſider the Perſon, but to direct the Character; and is ſecretly pleaſed or confounded as he finds more or leſs of himſelf in it. The Commendation of any thing in another, ſtirs up his Jealouſy, as it ſhews you have a Value for others, beſides himſelf; but the Commendation of that which he himſelf wants, inflames him more, as it ſhews that in ſome Reſpects you prefer others before him. Jealouſy is admirably deſcribed in this View by *Horace* in his Ode to *Lydia*.

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Cum tu, Lydia, Telephi
Cervicem roſeam, & cerea Telephi
Laudas brachia, væ, meum
Fervens difficili bile tumet jecur.
Tunc nec mens mihi, nec color
Certâ ſede manet: humor & in genas
Furtim labitur, arguens
Quàm lentis penitus macerer ignibus.

When Telephus *his youthful Charms,*
His roſie Neck and winding Arms,
With endleſs Rapture you recite,
And in that pleaſing Name delight;
My Heart, inflam'd by jealous Heats,
With numberleſs Reſentments beats;
From my pale Cheek the Colour flies,
And all the Man within me dies:
By turns my hidden Grief appears
In riſing Sighs and falling Tears,
That ſhew too well the warm Deſires,
The ſilent, ſlow, conſuming Fires,
Which on my inmoſt Vitals prey,
And melt my very Soul away.

THE jealous Man is not indeed angry if you diſlike another; but if you find thoſe Faults which are to be found in his own Character, you diſcover not only your Diſlike of another, but of himſelf. In ſhort, he is ſo deſirous of engroſſing all your Love, that he is grieved at the Want of any Charm, which he believes has Power to raiſe it; and if he finds, by your Cenſures on others, that he is not ſo agreeable in your Opinion as he might be, he naturally concludes you could love him better if he had other Qualifications, and that by Conſequence your Affection does not riſe ſo high as he thinks it ought. If therefore his Temper be grave

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or ſullen, you muſt not be too much pleaſed with a Jeſt, or tranſported with any thing that is gay and diverting. If his Beauty be none of the beſt, you muſt be a profeſſed Admirer of Prudence, or any other Quality he is Maſter of, or at leaſt vain enough to think he is.

IN the next Place, you muſt be ſure to be free and open in your Converſation with him, and to let in Light upon your Actions, to unravel all your Deſigns, and diſcover every Secret however trifling or indifferent. A jealous Husband has a particular Averſion to Winks and Whiſpers, and if he does not ſee to the Bottom of every thing, will be ſure to go beyond it in his Fears and Suſpicions. He will always expect to be your chief Confident, and where he finds himſelf kept out of a Secret, will believe there is more in it than there ſhould be. And here it is of great Concern, that you preſerve the Character of your Sincerity uniform and of a Piece; for if he once finds a falſe Gloſs put upon any ſingle Action, he quickly ſuſpects all the reſt; his working Imagination immediately takes a falſe Hint, and runs off with it into ſeveral remote Conſequences, till he has proved very ingenious in working out his own Miſery.

IF both theſe Methods fail, the beſt way will be to let him ſee you are much caſt down and afflicted for the ill Opinion he entertains of you, and the Diſquietudes he himſelf ſuffers for your ſake. There are many who take a kind of barbarous Pleaſure in the Jealouſy of thoſe who love them, that inſult over an aking Heart, and triumph in their Charms which are able to excite ſo much Uneaſineſs.

Ardeat ipſa licet, tormentis gaudet amantis. Juv.

But theſe often carry the Humour ſo far, till their affected Coldneſs and Indifference quite kills all

the Fondneſs of a Lover, and are then ſure to meet in their turn with all the Contempt and Scorn that is due to ſo inſolent a Behaviour. On the contrary, it is very probable a melancholy, dejected Carriage, the uſual Effect of injured Innocence, may ſoften the jealous Husband into Pity, make him ſenſible of the Wrong he does you, and work out of his Mind all thoſe Fears and Suſpicions that make you both unhappy. At leaſt it will have this good Effect, that he will keep his Jealouſy to himſelf, and repine in private, either becauſe he is ſenſible it is a Weakneſs, and will therefore hide it from your Knowledge, or becauſe he will be apt to fear ſome ill Effect it may produce, in cooling your Love towards him, or diverting it to another.

THERE is ſtill another Secret that can never fail, if you can once get it believ'd, and which is often practis'd by Women of greater Cunning than Virtue: This is, to change Sides for a while with the jealous Man, and to turn his own Paſſion upon himſelf; to take ſome Occaſion of growing jealous of him, and to follow the Example he himſelf hath ſet you. This counterfeited Jealouſy will bring him a great deal of Pleaſure, if he thinks it real; for he knows experimentally how much Love goes along with this Paſſion, and will beſides feel ſomething like the Satisfaction of a Revenge, in ſeeing you undergo all his own Tortures. But this, indeed, is an Artifice ſo difficult, and at the ſame Time ſo diſingenuous, that it ought never to be put in Practice, but by ſuch as have Skill enough to cover the Deceit, and Innocence to render it excuſable.

I ſhall conclude this Eſſay with the Story of *Herod* and *Mariamne*, as I have collected it out of *Joſephus*; which may ſerve almoſt as an Example to whatever can be ſaid on this Subject.

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MARIAMNE had all the Charms that Beauty, Birth, Wit and Youth could give a Woman, and *Herod* all the Love that ſuch Charms are able to raiſe in a warm and amorous Diſpoſition. In the midſt of this his Fondneſs for *Mariamne*, he put her Brother to Death, as he did her Father not many Years after. The Barbarity of the Action was repreſented to *Mark Antony*, who immediately ſummoned *Herod* into *Egypt*, to anſwer for the Crime that was there laid to his Charge. *Herod* attributed the Summons to *Antony*'s Deſire of *Mariamne*, whom therefore before his Departure, he gave into the Cuſtody of his Uncle *Joſeph*, with private Orders to put her to Death, if any ſuch Violence was offer'd to himſelf. This *Joſeph* was much delighted with *Mariamne*'s Converſation, and endeavour'd with all his Art and Rhetorick to ſet out the Exceſs of *Herod*'s Paſſion for her; but when he ſtill found her cold and incredulous, he inconſiderately told her, as a certain Inſtance of her Lord's Affection, the private Orders he had left behind him, which plainly ſhew'd, according to *Joſeph*'s Interpretation, that he could neither live nor die without her. This barbarous Inſtance of a wild unreaſonable Paſſion, quite put out, for a Time, thoſe little Remains of Affection ſhe ſtill had for her Lord: For now her Thoughts were ſo wholly taken up with the Cruelty of his Orders, that ſhe could not conſider the Kindneſs that produced them, and therefore repreſented him in her Imagination, rather under the frightful Idea of a Murderer than a Lover. *Herod* was at length acquitted and diſmiſſed by *Mark Antony*, when his Soul was all in Flames for his *Mariamne*; but before their Meeting, he was not a little alarm'd at the Report he had heard of his Uncle's Converſation and Familiarity with her in his Abſence. This therefore was the firſt Diſcourſe he entertain'd her

with, in which ſhe found it no eaſie Matter to quiet his Suſpicions. But at laſt he appear'd ſo well ſatisfied of her Innocence, that from Reproaches and Wranglings he fell to Tears and Embraces. Both of them wept very tenderly at their Reconciliation, and *Herod* poured out his whole Soul to her in the warmeſt Proteſtations of Love and Conſtancy; when amidſt all his Sighs and Languiſhings ſhe ask'd him, whether the private Orders he left with his Uncle *Joſeph* were an Inſtance of ſuch an inflamed Affection. The jealous King was immediately rouſed at ſo unexpected a Queſtion, and concluded his Uncle muſt have been too familiar with her, before he would have diſcovered ſuch a Secret. In ſhort, he put his Uncle to Death, and very difficultly prevailed upon himſelf to ſpare *Mariamne*.

AFTER this he was forced on a ſecond Journey into *Egypt*, when he committed his Lady to the Care of *Sohemus*, with the ſame private Orders he had before given his Uncle, if any Miſchief befel himſelf. In the mean while *Mariamne* ſo won upon *Sohemus* by her Preſents and obliging Converſation, that ſhe drew all the Secret from him, with which *Herod* had intruſted him; ſo that after his Return, when he flew to her with all the Tranſports of Joy and Love, ſhe received him coldly with Sighs and Tears, and all the Marks of Indifference and Averſion. This Reception ſo ſtirred up his Indignation, that he had certainly ſlain her with his own Hands, had not he feared he himſelf ſhould have become the greater Sufferer by it. It was not long after this, when he had another violent Return of Love upon him; *Mariamne* was therefore ſent for to him, whom he endeavoured to ſoften and reconcile with all poſſible conjugal Careſſes and Endearments; but ſhe declin'd his Embraces, and anſwer'd all his Fondneſs with

with bitter Invectives for the Death of her Father and her Brother. This Behaviour ſo incenſed *Herod* that he very hardly refrain'd from ſtriking her; when in the Heat of their Quarrel there came in a Witneſs, ſuborn'd by ſome of *Mariamne*'s Enemies, who accuſed her to the King of a Deſign to poiſon him. *Herod* was now prepared to hear any Thing in her Prejudice, and immediately ordered her Servant to be ſtretch'd upon the Rack; who in the Extremity of his Tortures confeſt, that his Miſtreſs's Averſion to the King aroſe from ſomething *Sohemus* had told her; but as for any Deſign of poiſoning, he utterly diſown'd the leaſt Knowledge of it. This Confeſſion quickly proved fatal to *Sohemus*, who now lay under the ſame Suſpicions and Sentence that *Joſeph* had before him on the like Occaſion. Nor would *Herod* reſt here; but accuſed her with great Vehemence of a Deſign upon his Life, and by his Authority with the Judges had her publickly condemned and executed. *Herod* ſoon after her Death grew melancholy and dejected, retiring from the publick Adminiſtration of Affairs into a ſolitary Foreſt, and there abandoning himſelf to all the black Conſiderations which naturally ariſe from a Paſſion made up of Love, Remorſe, Pity and Deſpair. He uſed to rave for his *Mariamne*, and to call upon her in his diſtracted Fits; and in all Probability would ſoon have followed her, had not his Thoughts been ſeaſonably called off from ſo ſad an Object by Publick Storms, which at that Time very nearly threatned him. L

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Non ſolùm Scientia, quæ eſt remota à Juſtitia, Calliditas potiùs quàm Sapientia eſt appellanda; verùm etiam Animus paratus ad periculum, ſi ſua cupiditate, non utilitate communi impellitur, Audaciæ potiùs nomen habeat, quàm Fortitudinis.—

Plato apud Tull.

THERE can be no greater Injury to humane Society, than that good Talents among Men ſhould be held honourable to thoſe who are endowed with them, without any Regard how they are applied: The Gifts of Nature and Accompliſhments of Art are valuable, but as they are exerted in the Intereſts of Virtue, or governed by the Rules of Honour. We ought to abſtract our Minds from the Obſervation of any Excellence in thoſe we converſe with, till we have taken ſome Notice, or received ſome good Information of the Diſpoſition of their Minds; otherwiſe the Beauty of their Perſons, or the Charms of their Wit, may make us fond of thoſe whom our Reaſon and Judgment will tell us we ought to abhor.

WHEN we ſuffer our ſelves to be thus carried away by meer Beauty, or meer Wit, *Omniamante* with all her Vice will bear away as much of our Good-will as the moſt innocent Virgin or diſcreeteſt Matron; and there cannot be more abject Slavery in this World, than to doat upon what we think we ought to contemn: Yet this muſt be our Condition in all the Parts of Life, if we ſuffer our ſelves to approve any thing but what tends to the Promotion of what is good and honourable. If we would take true Pains with our ſelves to conſider all Things by the Light of Reaſon and Juſtice, tho' a Man were in the Height of Youth and amorous Inclinations, he would look upon a Coquet with

with the ſame Contempt of Indifference as he would upon a Coxcomb: The wanton Carriage in a Woman, would diſappoint her of the Admiration which ſhe aims at; and the vain Dreſs or Diſcourſe of a Man, would deſtroy the Comlineſs of his Shape, or Goodneſs of his Underſtanding, I ſay the Goodneſs of his Underſtanding, for it is no leſs common to ſee Men of Senſe commence Coxcombs, than beautiful Women become immodeſt. When this happens in either, the Favour we are naturally inclined to give to the good Qualities they have from Nature, ſhould abate in Proportion. But however juſt it is to meaſure the Value of Men by the Application of their Talents, and not by the Eminence of thoſe Qualities abſtracted from their Uſe; I ſay, however juſt ſuch a Way of judging is, in all Ages as well as this, the Contrary has prevailed upon the Generality of Mankind. How many lewd Devices have been preſerved from one Age to another, which had periſhed as ſoon as they were made, if Painters and Sculptors had been eſteemed as much for the Purpoſe as the Execution of their Deſigns? Modeſt and well-governed Imaginations, have by this Means loſt the Repreſentations of ten thouſand charming Portraitures, filled with Images of innate Truth, generous Zeal, couragious Faith, and tender Humanity; inſtead of which, Satyrs, Furies, and Monſters are recommended by thoſe Arts to a ſhameful Eternity.

THE unjuſt Application of laudable Talents, is tolerated in the general Opinion of Men, not only in ſuch Caſes as are here mentioned, but alſo in Matters which concern ordinary Life. If a Lawyer were to be eſteemed only as he uſes his Parts in contending for Juſtice, and were immediately deſpicable when he appeared in a Cauſe which he could not but know was an unjuſt one, how honourable

nourable would his Character be? And how honourable is it in ſuch among us, who follow the Profeſſion no otherwiſe, than as labouring to protect the injured, to ſubdue the Oppreſſor, to impriſon the careleſs Debtor, and do right to the painful Artificer? But many of this excellent Character are overlooked by the greater Number; who affect covering a weak Place in a Client's Title, diverting the Courſe of an Enquiry, or finding a skilful Refuge to palliate a Falſhood: Yet it is called Eloquence in the latter, though thus unjuſtly employed: But Reſolution in an Aſſaſſin is according to Reaſon quite as laudable, as Knowledge and Wiſdom exerciſed in the Defence of an ill Cauſe.

WERE the Intention ſtedfaſtly conſidered, as the Meaſure of Approbation, all Falſhood would ſoon be out of Countenance; and an Addreſs in impoſing upon Mankind, would be as contemptible in one State of Life as another. A Couple of Courtiers making Profeſſions of Eſteem, would make the ſame Figure after Breach of Promiſe, as two Knights of the Poſt convicted of Perjury. But Converſation is fallen ſo low in Point of Morality, that as they ſay in a Bargain, *Let the Buyer look to it*; ſo in Friendſhip, he is the Man in Danger who is moſt apt to believe: He is the more likely to ſuffer in the Commerce, who begins with the Obligation of being the more ready to enter into it.

BUT thoſe Men only are truly great, who place their Ambition rather in acquiring to themſelves the Conſcience of worthy Enterprizes, than in the Proſpect of Glory which attends them. Theſe exalted Spirits would rather be ſecretly the Authors of Events which are ſerviceable to Mankind, than without being ſuch, to have the publick Fame of it. Where therefore an eminent Merit is robbed by Artifice or Detraction, it does but encreaſe by ſuch

ſuch Endeavours of its Enemies: The impotent Pains which are taken to ſully it, or diffuſe it among a Crowd to the Injury of a ſingle Perſon, will naturally produce the contrary Effect; the Fire will blaze out, and burn up all that attempt to ſmother what they cannot extinguiſh.

THERE is but one Thing neceſſary to keep the Poſſeſſion of true Glory, which is to bear the Oppoſers of it with Patience, and preſerve the Virtue by which it was acquired. When a Man is thoroughly perſwaded that he ought neither to admire, wiſh for, or purſue any thing but what is exactly his Duty, it is not in the Power of Seaſons, Perſons or Accidents to diminiſh his Value: He only is a great Man who can neglect the Applauſe of the Multitude, and enjoy himſelf independent of its Favour. This is indeed an arduous Task; but it ſhould comfort a glorious Spirit that it is the higheſt Step to which human Nature can arrive. Triumph, Applauſe, Acclamation, are dear to the Mind of Man; but it is ſtill a more exquiſite Delight to ſay to your ſelf, you have done well, than to hear the whole humane Race pronounce you glorious, except you your ſelf can join with them in your own Reflections. A Mind thus equal and uniform may be deſerted by little faſhionable Admirers and Followers, but will ever be had in Reverence by Souls like it ſelf. The Branches of the Oak endure all the Seaſons of the Year, though its Leaves fall off in Autumn; and theſe too will be reſtored with the returning Spring. T

Tueſday,

N°. 173. *Tueſday, September* 18.

——Remove fera monſtra, tuæque
Saxificos vultus, quæcunque ea, tolle Meduſa.
Ov. Met.

IN a late Paper I mentioned the Project of an ingenious Author for the erecting of ſeveral Handicraft Prizes to be contended for by our *Britiſh* Artizans, and the Influence they might have towards the Improvement of our ſeveral Manufactures. I have ſince that been very much ſurpriz'd by the following Advertiſement which I find in the *Poſt-Boy* of the 11th Inſtant, and again repeated in the *Poſt-Boy* of the 15th.

ON the 9th of October next will be run for upon Coleſhill-Heath in Warwickſhire, a Plate of 6 Guineas Value, 3 Heats, by any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding that hath not won above the Value of 5 *l.* the winning Horſe to be Sold for 10 *l.* to carry 10 Stone Weight, if 14 Hands high; if above or under, to carry or be allowed Weight for Inches, and to be entered Friday the 15th at the Swan in Coleſhill, before 6 in the Evening. Alſo a Plate of leſs Value to be run for by Aſſes. The ſame Day a Gold Ring to be Grinn'd for by Men.

THE firſt of theſe Diverſions that is to be exhibited by the 10 *l.* Race-Horſes, may probably have its Uſe; but the two laſt, in which the Aſſes and Men are concern'd, ſeem to me altogether extraordinary and unaccountable. Why they ſhould keep running Aſſes at *Coleſhill*, or how making Mouths turns to account in *Warwickſhire*, more than in any other Parts of *England*, I cannot apprehend. I have looked over all the Olympick Games, and do not find any thing in them like an Aſs Race, or a Match

Match at Grinning. However it be, I am informed that ſeveral Aſſes are now kept in Body-Cloaths, and ſweated every Morning upon the Heath, and that all the Country Fellows within ten Miles of the *Swan*, grinn an Hour or two in their Glaſſes every Morning, in order to qualify themſelves for the 9th of *October*. The Prize which is propoſed to be grinn'd for, has raiſed ſuch an Ambition among the Common People for Out-grinning one another, that many very diſcerning Perſons are afraid it ſhould ſpoil moſt of the Faces in the Country; and that a *Warwickſhire* Man will be known by his Grinn, as Roman Catholicks imagine a *Kentiſh* Man is by his Tail. The Gold-Ring which is made the Prize of Deformity, is juſt the Reverſe of the Golden Apple that was formerly made the Prize of Beauty, and ſhould carry for its Poſie the old Motto inverted,

Detur tetriori.

Or to accommodate it to the Capacity of the Combatants,

The frightfull'ſt Grinner,
Be the Winner.

IN the mean while I would adviſe a *Dutch* Painter to be preſent at this great Controverſy of Faces, in order to make a Collection of the moſt remarkable Grinns that ſhall be there exhibited.

I muſt not here omit an Account which I lately received of one of theſe grinning Matches from a Gentleman, who upon reading the above-mentioned Advertiſement, entertained a Coffee-houſe with the following Narrative. Upon the taking of *Namure*, amidſt other publick Rejoicings made on that Occaſion, there was a Gold Ring given by a Whig Juſtice of Peace to be grinn'd for. The firſt Competitor that enter'd the Liſts, was a black ſwarthy

thy *French* Man, who accidentally paſſed that way, and being a Man naturally of a withered Look, and hard Features, promiſed himſelf good Succeſs. He was placed upon a Table in the great Point of View, and looking upon the Company like *Milton*'s Death,

Grinn'd horribly a Ghaſtly Smile. ——

HIS Muſcles were ſo drawn together on each Side of his Face, that he ſhewed twenty Teeth at a Grinn, and put the Country in ſome Pain, leſt a Foreigner ſhould carry away the Honour of the Day; but upon a further Trial they found he was Maſter only of the Merry Grinn.

THE next that mounted the Table was a Malecontent in thoſe Days, and a great Maſter of the whole Art of Grinning, but particularly excelled in the angry Grinn. He did his Part ſo well, that he is ſaid to have made half a Dozen Women miſcarry; but the Juſtice being appriſed by one who ſtood near him, that the Fellow who grinned in his Face was a *Jacobite*, and being unwilling that a Diſaffected Perſon ſhould win the Gold Ring, and be looked upon as the beſt Grinner in the Country, he ordered the Oaths to be tendered unto him upon his quitting the Table, which the Grinner refuſing, he was ſet aſide as an unqualified Perſon. There were ſeveral other Groteſque Figures that preſented themſelves, which it would be too tedious to deſcribe. I muſt not however omit a Plough-man, who lived in the further Part of the Country, and being very lucky in a Pair of Lanthorn-Jaws, wrung his Face into ſuch a hideous Grimace, that every Feature of it appeared under a different Diſtortion. The whole Company ſtood aſtoniſhed at ſuch a complicated Grinn, and were ready to aſſign the Prize to him, had it not been proved by one of his Antagoniſts that he had practiſed with Verjuice for

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ſome Days before, and had a Crab found upon him at the very time of Grinning; upon which the beſt Judges of Grinning declar'd it as their Opinion, that he was not to be looked upon as a fair Grinner, and therefore ordered him to be ſet aſide as a Cheat.

THE Prize, it ſeems, fell at length upon a Cobler, *Giles Gorgon* by Name, who produced ſeveral new Grinns of his own Invention, having been uſed to cut Faces for many Years together over his Laſt. At the very firſt Grinn he caſt every humane Feature out of his Countenance, at the ſecond he became the Face of a Spout, at the third a Baboon, at the fourth the Head of a Baſe-Viol, and at the fifth a Pair of Nut-crackers. The whole Aſſembly wondered at his Accompliſhments, and beſtowed the Ring on him unanimouſly; but, what he eſteemed more than all the reſt, a Country Wench whom he had wooed in vain for above five Years before, was ſo charmed with his Grinns, and the Applauſes which he received on all Sides, that ſhe married him the Week following, and to this Day wears the Prize upon her Finger, the Cobler having made uſe of it as his Wedding-Ring.

THIS Paper might perhaps ſeem very impertinent, if it grew ſerious in the Concluſion. I would nevertheleſs leave it to the Conſideration of thoſe who are the Patrons of this monſtrous Trial of Skill, whether or no they are not guilty, in ſome meaſure, of an Affront to their Species, in treating after this manner the *Human Face Divine*, and turning that Part of us, which has ſo great an Image impreſſed upon it, into the Image of a Monkey; whether the raiſing ſuch ſilly Competitions among the Ignorant, propoſing Prizes for ſuch uſeleſs Accompliſhments, filling the common Peoples Heads with ſuch ſenſeleſs Ambitions, and inſpiring them with ſuch abſurd

Ideas of Superiority and Preheminence, has not in it ſomething immoral as well as ridiculous. L

N° 174. *Wedneſday, September* 19.

Hæc memini, & victum fruſtra contendere Thy-
ſin. Virg.

THERE is ſcarce any thing more common than Animoſities between Parties that cannot ſubſiſt but by their Agreement: This was well repreſented in the Sedition of the Members of the humane Body in the old *Roman* Fable. It is often the Caſe of leſſer confederate States againſt a ſuperior Power, which are hardly held together though their Unanimity is neceſſary for their common Safety: And this is always the Caſe of the landed and trading Intereſt of *Great Britain*; the Trader is fed by the Product of the Land, and the landed Man cannot be cloathed but by the Skill of the Trader; and yet thoſe Intereſts are ever jarring.

WE had laſt Winter an Inſtance of this at our Club, in Sir ROGER DE COVERLEY and Sir ANDREW FREEPORT, between whom there is generally a conſtant, though friendly, Oppoſition of Opinions. It happened that one of the Company, in an hiſtorical Diſcourſe, was obſerving that *Carthaginian* Faith was a proverbial Phraſe to intimate Breach of Leagues. Sir ROGER ſaid it could hardly be otherwiſe: That the *Carthaginians* were the greateſt Traders in the World; and as Gain is the chief End of ſuch a People, they never purſue any other: The Means to it are never regarded; they will, if it comes eaſily, get Money honeſtly; but if not, they will not ſcruple to attain it by Fraud or Cozenage: And indeed, what is the whole Buſineſs of the Trader's Accompt, but to over-reach him who truſts to his Memory? But were that not ſo, what can there great and noble be ex-

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pected from him whoſe Attention is for ever fixed upon ballancing his Books, and watching over his Expences? And at beſt, let Frugality and Parſimony be the Virtues of the Merchant, how much is his punctual Dealing below a Gentleman's Charity to the Poor, or Hoſpitality among his Neighbours?

CAPTAIN SENTRY obſerved Sir ANDREW very diligent in hearing Sir ROGER, and had a mind to turn the Diſcourſe, by taking notice in general, from the higheſt to the loweſt Parts of humane Society, there was a ſecret, tho' unjuſt, Way among Men of indulging the Seeds of Ill-nature and Envy, by comparing their own State of Life to that of another, and grudging the Approach of their Neighbour to their own Happineſs; and on the other Side, he who is the leſs at his Eaſe, repines at the other, who, he thinks, has unjuſtly the Advantage over him. Thus the Civil and Military Liſts look upon each other with much Ill-nature, the Soldier repines at the Courtier's Power, and the Courtier rallies the Soldier's Honour; or to come to lower Inſtances, the private Men in the Horſe and Foot of an Army, the Car-men and Coach-men in the City Streets, mutually look upon each other with Ill-will, when they are in Competition for Quarters or the Way, in their reſpective Motions.

IT is very well, good Captain, interrupted Sir ANDREW: You may attempt to turn the Diſcourſe if you think fit; but I muſt however have a Word or two with Sir ROGER, who, I ſee, thinks he has paid me off, and been very ſevere upon the Merchant. I ſhall not, continued he, at this Time remind Sir ROGER of the great and noble Monuments of Charity and Publick Spirit which have been erected by Merchants ſince the Reformation, but at preſent content my ſelf with what he allows us, Parſimony and Frugality. If it were conſiſtent

with the Quality of ſo ancient a Baronet as Sir ROGER, to keep Accompt, or meaſure Things by the moſt infallible Way, that of Numbers, he would prefer our Parſimony to his Hoſpitality. If to drink ſo many Hogſheads is to be Hoſpitable, we do not contend for the Fame of that Virtue; but it would be worth while to conſider, whether ſo many Artificers at Work ten Days together by my Appointment, or ſo many Peaſants made merry on Sir ROGER's Charge, are the Men more obliged? I believe the Families of the Artificers will thank me more than the Houſholds of the Peaſants ſhall Sir ROGER. Sir ROGER gives to his Men, but I place mine above the Neceſſity or Obligation of my Bounty. I am in very little Pain for the *Roman* Proverb upon the *Carthaginian* Traders; the *Romans* were their profeſſed Enemies: I am only ſorry no *Carthaginian* Hiſtories have come to our Hands; we might have been taught perhaps by them ſome Proverbs againſt the *Roman* Generoſity, in fighting for and beſtowing other Peoples Goods. But ſince Sir ROGER has taken Occaſion from an old Proverb to be out of Humour with Merchants, it ſhould be no Offence to offer one not quite ſo old in their Defence. When a Man happens to break in *Holland*, they ſay of him that *he has not kept true Accounts*. This Phraſe, perhaps, among us, would appear a ſoft or humorous way of ſpeaking, but with that exact Nation it bears the higheſt Reproach for a Man to be miſtaken in the Calculation of his Expence, in his Ability to anſwer future Demands, or to be impertinently ſanguine in putting his Credit to too great Adventure, are all Inſtances of as much Infamy, as with gayer Nations to be failing in Courage and common Honeſty.

NUMBERS are ſo much the Meaſure of every thing that is valuable, that it is not poſſible to demonſtrate

monſtrate the Succeſs of any Action, or the Prudence of any Undertaking, without them I ſay this in Anſwer to what Sir ROGER is pleaſed to ſay, That little that is truly noble, can be expected from one that is ever poring on his Caſh-book, or ballancing his Accompts. When I have my Returns from abroad, I can tell to a Shilling, by the Help of Numbers, the Profit or Loſs by my Adventure; but I ought alſo to be able to ſhew that I had Reaſon for making it, either from my own Experience or that of other People, or from a reaſonable Preſumption that my Returns will be ſufficient to anſwer my Expence and Hazard; and this is never to be done without the Skill of Numbers. For Inſtance, if I am to trade to *Turkey*, I ought beforehand to know the Demand of our Manufactures there as well as of their Silks in *England*, and the cuſtomary Prices that are given for both in each Country. I ought to have a clear Knowledge of theſe Matters before-hand, that I may preſume upon ſufficient Returns to anſwer the Charge of the Cargo I have fitted out, the Freight and Aſſurance out and home, the Cuſtoms to the Queen, and the Intereſt of my own Money, and beſides all theſe Expences a reaſonable Profit to my ſelf. Now what is there of Scandal in this Skill? What has the Merchant done, that he ſhould be ſo little in the good Graces of Sir ROGER? He throws down no Man's Encloſures, and tramples upon no Man's Corn; he takes nothing from the induſtrious Labourer; he pays the poor Man for his Work, he communicates his Profit with Mankind; by the Preparation of his Cargo and the Manufacture of his Returns he furniſhes Employment and Subſiſtance to greater Numbers than the richeſt Nobleman; and even the Nobleman is obliged to him for finding out foreign Markets for the Produce of his Eſtate, and for making a great Addition to his

Rents; and yet 'tis certain, that none of all theſe Things could be done by him without the Exerciſe of his Skill in Numbers.

THIS is the Oeconomy of the Merchant; and the Conduct of the Gentleman muſt be the ſame unleſs by ſcorning to be the Steward, he reſolves the Steward ſhall be the Gentleman. The Gentleman no more than the Merchant, is able, without the Help of Numbers, to account for the Succeſs of any Action, or the Prudence of any Adventure. If, for Inſtance, the Chace is his whole Adventure, his only Returns muſt be the Stag's Horns in the great Hall, and the Fox's Noſe upon the Stable-Door. Without doubt Sir ROGER knows the full Value of theſe Returns: and if before-hand he had computed the Charges of the Chace, a Gentleman of his Diſcretion would certainly have hanged up all his Dogs, he would never have brought back ſo many fine Horſes to the Kennel, he would never have gone ſo often, like a Blaſt, over Fields of Corn. If ſuch too had been the Conduct of all his Anceſtors, he might truly have boaſted at this Day that the Antiquity of his Family had never been ſullied by a Trade; a Merchant had never been permitted with his whole Eſtate to purchaſe a Room for his Picture in the Gallery of the COVERLEYS, or to claim his Deſcent from the Maid of Honour. But 'tis very happy for Sir ROGER that the Merchant paid ſo dear for his Ambition. 'Tis the Misfortune of many other Gentlemen to turn out of the Seats of their Anceſtors, to make way for ſuch new Maſters as have been more exact in their Accompts than themſelves; and certainly he deſerves the Eſtate a great deal better, who has got it by his Induſtry, than he who has loſt it by his Negligence.

Thurſday,

N° 175. *Thurſday, September* 20.

Proximus à tectis ignis defenditur ægrè: ——
Ov. Rem. Am.

I Shall this Day entertain my Readers with two or three Letters I have received from my Correſpondents: The firſt diſcovers to me a Species of Females which have hitherto eſcaped my Notice, and is as follows.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a young Gentleman of a competent For-
'tune, and a ſufficient Taſte of Learning to
'ſpend five or ſix Hours every Day very agreea-
'bly among my Books. That I might have no-
'thing to divert me from my Studies, and to avoid
'the Noiſe of Coaches and Chair-men, I have ta-
'ken Lodgings in a very narrow Street not far from
'*Whitehall*; but it is my Misfortune to be ſo poſt-
'ed, that my Lodgings are directly oppoſite to thoſe
'of a *Jezebel*. You are to know, Sir, that a *Je-*
'*zebel* (ſo call'd by the Neighbourhood from diſ-
'playing her pernicious Charms at her Window)
'appears conſtantly dreſs'd at her Saſh, and has a
'thouſand little Tricks and Fooleries to attract
'the Eyes of all the idle young Fellows in the
'Neighbourhood. I have ſeen more than ſix Per-
'ſons at once from their ſeveral Windows obſer-
'ving the *Jezebel* I am now complaining of. I
'at firſt looked on her my ſelf with the higheſt Con-
'tempt, could divert my ſelf with her Airs for half
'an Hour, and afterwards take up my *Plutarch*
'with great Tranquility of Mind; but was a little
'vexed to find that in leſs than a Month ſhe had
'conſiderably ſtoln upon my Time, ſo that I re-
'ſolved to look at her no more. But the *Jezebel*,
'who, as I ſuppoſe, might think it a Diminution

'to

'to her Honour, to have the Number of her Gaz-
'ers leſſen'd, reſolved not to part with me ſo, and
'began to play ſo many new Tricks at her Win-
'dow, that it was impoſſible for me to forbear ob-
'ſerving her. I verily believe ſhe put her ſelf to the
'Expence of a new Wax Baby on purpoſe to plague
'me; ſhe uſed to dandle and play with this Figure
'as impertinently as if it had been a real Child:
'ſometimes ſhe would let fall a Glove or a Pin-
'Cuſhion in the Street, and ſhut or open her Caſe-
'ment three or four times in a Minute. When I
'had almoſt wean'd my ſelf from this, ſhe came in
'her Shift Sleeves, and dreſs'd at the Window. I
'had no Way left but to let down my Curtains,
'which I ſubmitted to, though it conſiderably dark-
'ned my Room, and was pleaſed to think that I had
'at laſt got the better of her; but was ſurpriz'd the
'next Morning to hear her talking out of the Win-
'dow quite croſs the Street, with another Woman
'that lodges over me: I am ſince informed, that
'ſhe made her a Viſit, and got acquainted with her
'within three Hours after the Fall of my Window
'Curtains.

'SIR, I am plagued every Moment in the Day
'one way or other in my own Chambers; and the
'*Jezebel* has the Satisfaction to know, that tho' I
'am not looking at her, I am liſt'ning to her im-
'pertinent Dialogues that paſs over my Head. I
'would immediately change my Lodgings, but that
'I think it might look like a plain Confeſſion that
'I am conquer'd; and beſides this, I am told that
'moſt Quarters of the Town are infeſted with theſe
'Creatures. If they are ſo, I am ſure 'tis ſuch an
'Abuſe, as a Lover of Learning and Silence ought
'to take notice of. *I am, SIR,*

Yours, &c.

I am afraid by ſome Lines in this Letter, that my young Student is touched with a Diſtemper which he

he hardly ſeems to dream of, and is too far gone in it to receive Advice. However, I ſhall animadvert in due time on the Abuſe which he mentions, having my ſelf obſerved a Neſt of *Jezebels* near the *Temple*, who make it their Diverſion to draw up the Eyes of young Templars, that at the ſame time they may ſee them ſtumble in an unlucky Gutter which runs under the Window.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Have lately read the Concluſion of your forty ſeventh Speculation upon *Butts* with great Pleaſure, and have ever ſince been throughly perſuaded that one of thoſe Gentlemen is extreamly neceſſary to enliven Converſation. I had an Entertainment laſt Week upon the Water for a Lady to whom I make my Addreſſes, with ſeveral of our Friends of both Sexes. To divert the Company in general, and to ſhew my Miſtreſs in particular my Genius for Rallery, I took one of the moſt celebrated *Butts* in Town along with me. It is with the utmoſt Shame and Confuſion that I muſt acquaint you with the Sequel of my Adventure: As ſoon as we were got into the Boat, I played a Sentence or two at my *Butt* which I thought very ſmart, when my ill Genius, who I verily believ'd inſpired him purely for my Deſtruction, ſuggeſted to him ſuch a Reply, as got all the Laughter on his ſide. I was daſhed at ſo unexpected a Turn, which the *Butt* perceiving, reſolved not to let me recover my ſelf, and purſuing his Victory, rallied and toſſed me in a moſt unmerciful and barbarous Manner till we came to *Chelſea*. I had ſome ſmall Succeſs while we were eating Cheeſe-Cakes; but coming home, he renewed his Attacks with his former good Fortune, and equal Diverſion to the whole Company. In Short, Sir, I muſt ingenuouſly own that

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'I was never ſo handled in all my Life; and to 'compleat my Misfortune, I am ſince told that 'the *Butt*, fluſhed with his late Victory, has made 'a Viſit or two to the dear Object of my Wiſhes, 'ſo that I am at once in Danger of loſing all my 'Pretenſions to Wit, and my Miſtreſs into the 'Bargain. This, Sir, is a true Account of my 'preſent Troubles, which you are the more obli-'ged to aſſiſt me in, as you were your ſelf in a 'great meaſure the Cauſe of them, by recommend-'ing to us an Inſtrument, and not inſtructing us 'at the ſame Time how to play upon it.

'I have been thinking whether it might not be 'highly convenient, that all *Butts* ſhould wear an 'Inſcription affixed to ſome Part of their Bodies, 'ſhewing on which Side they are to be come at; 'and that if any of them are Perſons of unequal 'Tempers, there ſhould be ſome Method taken to 'inform the World at what Time it is ſafe to at-'tack them, and when you had beſt let them alone. 'But ſubmitting theſe Matters to your more ſeri-'ous Conſideration,

I am, SIR, Yours, &c.

I have, indeed, ſeen and heard of ſeveral young Gentlemen under the ſame Misfortune with my preſent Correſpondent. The beſt Rule I can lay down for them to avoid the like Calamities for the future, is throughly to conſider not only *Whether their Companions are weak*, but *Whether themſelves are Wits.*

THE following Letter comes to me from *Exeter*, and being credibly informed that what it contains is Matter of Fact, I ſhall give it my Reader as it was ſent me.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Exeter, Sept.* 7.

'YOU were pleaſed in a late Speculation to 'take Notice of the Inconvenience we lie 'under

under in the Country, in not being able to keep Pace with the Faſhion: But there is another Misfortune which we are ſubject to, and is no leſs grievous than the former, which has hitherto eſcaped your Obſervation. I mean, the having Things palmed upon us for *London* Faſhions, which were never once heard of there.

'A Lady of this Place had ſome Time ſince a Box of the neweſt Ribbons ſent down by the Coach: Whether it was her own malicious Invention, or the Wantonneſs of a *London* Milliner, I am not able to inform you; but, among the reſt, there was one Cherry-coloured Ribbon, conſiſting of about half a dozen Yards, made up in the Figure of a ſmall Head-Dreſs. The foreſaid Lady had the Aſſurance to affirm, amidſt a Circle of Female Inquiſitors, who were preſent at the opening of the Box, that this was the neweſt Faſhion worn at Court. Accordingly the next *Sunday* we had ſeveral Females, who came to Church with their Heads dreſs'd wholly in Ribbons, and looked like ſo many Victims ready to be ſacrificed. This is ſtill a reigning Mode among us. At the ſame Time we have a Sett of Gentlemen, who take the Liberty to appear in all publick Places without any Buttons to their Coats, which they ſupply with ſeveral little Silver Haſps, tho' our freſheſt Advices from *London* make no Mention of any ſuch Faſhion; and we are ſomething ſhy of affording Matter to the Button-Makers for a ſecond Petition.

'WHAT I would humbly propoſe to the Publick is, that there may be a Society erected in *London*, to conſiſt of the moſt skilful Perſons of both Sexes for the *Inſpection of Modes and Faſhions*; and that hereafter no Perſon or Perſons ſhall preſume to appear ſingularly habited in any Part of the Country, without a Teſtimonial from

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'the aforeſaid Society, that their Dreſs is anſwera-
'ble to the Mode at *London*. By this Means, Sir,
'we ſhall know a little whereabout we are.

'IF you could bring this Matter to bear, you
'would very much oblige great Numbers of your
'Country Friends, and among the reſt,

Your very humble Servant,

X Jack Modiſh

N°. 176. *Friday, September* 21.

Parvula, pumilio, χαρίτων μία, tota merum Sal.
Luc.

THERE are in the following Letter Matters which I, a Batchelor, cannot be ſuppoſed to be acquainted with, therefore ſhall not pretend to explain upon it till further Conſideration, but leave the Author of the Epiſtle to expreſs his Condition his own Way.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Do not deny but you appear in many of your
'Papers to underſtand humane Life pretty
'well; but there are very many things which you
'cannot poſſibly have a true Notion of, in a ſingle
'Life; theſe are ſuch as reſpect the married State;
'otherwiſe I cannot account for your having o-
'verlooked a very good Sort of People, which
'are commonly call'd in Scorn the *Hen-peckt*.
'You are to underſtand that I am one of thoſe in-
'nocent Mortals, who ſuffer Deriſion under that
'Word, for being governed by the beſt of Wives.
'It would be worth your Conſideration to enter
'into the Nature of Affection it ſelf, and tell us,
'according to your Philoſophy, why it is that our
'Dears ſhall do what they will with us, ſhall be
'froward, ill-natured, aſſuming, ſometimes whine,
'at others rail, then ſwoon away, then come to

'Life,

Life, have the Uſe of Speech to the greateſt Fluency imaginable, and then ſink away again, and all becauſe they fear we do not love them enough; that is, the poor Things love us ſo heartily, that they cannot think it poſſible we ſhould be able to love them in ſo great a Degree, which makes them take on ſo. I ſay, Sir, a true good-natured Man, whom Rakes and Libertines call *Hen-peckt*, ſhall fall into all theſe different Moods with his dear Life, and at the ſame time ſee they are wholly put on; and yet not be hard-hearted enough to tell the dear good Creature that ſhe is an Hypocrite.

'This Sort of good Man is frequent in the populous and wealthy City of *London*, and is the true *hen-peckt* Man; the kind Creature cannot break through his Kindneſſes ſo far as to come to an Explanation with the tender Soul, and therefore goes on to comfort her when nothing ails her, to appeaſe her when ſhe is not angry, and to give her his Caſh when he knows ſhe does not want it, rather than be uneaſy for a whole Month, which is computed by hard-hearted Men the Space of Time which a froward Woman takes to come to herſelf, if you have Courage to ſtand out.

'THERE are indeed ſeveral other Species of the *Hen-peckt*, and in my Opinion they are certainly the beſt Subjects the Queen has; and for that Reaſon I take it to be your Duty to keep us above Contempt.

'I do not know whether I make my ſelf underſtood in the Repreſentation of an hen-peckt Life, but I ſhall take Leave to give you an Account of my ſelf and my own Spouſe. You are to know that I am reckoned no Fool, have on ſeveral Occaſions been tried whether I will take

‘ ill Uſage, and yet the Event has been to my Ad-
‘ vantage; and yet there is not ſuch a Slave in
‘ *Turkey* as I am to my Dear. She has a good
‘ Share of Wit, and is what you call a very pretty
‘ agreeable Woman. I perfectly doat on her, and
‘ my Affection to her gives me all the Anxieties
‘ imaginable but that of Jealouſy. My being thus
‘ confident of her, I take, as much as I can judge
‘ of my Heart, to be the Reaſon, that whatever
‘ ſhe does, tho' it be never ſo much againſt my In-
‘ clination, there is ſtill left ſomething in her Man-
‘ ner that is amiable. She will ſometimes look at
‘ me with an aſſuming Grandeur, and pretend to
‘ reſent that I have not had Reſpect enough for her
‘ Opinion in ſuch an Inſtance in Company. I can-
‘ not but ſmile at the pretty Anger ſhe is in, and
‘ then ſhe pretends ſhe is uſed like a Child. In a
‘ Word, our great Debate is, which has the Su-
‘ periority in Point of Underſtanding. She is eter-
‘ nally forming an Argument of Debate; to which
‘ I very indolently anſwer, Thou art mighty pret-
‘ ty. To this ſhe anſwers, All the World but you
‘ think I have as much Senſe as your ſelf. I repeat
‘ to her, Indeed you are pretty. Upon this there
‘ is no Patience; ſhe will throw down any thing
‘ about her, ſtamp, and pull off her Head-Cloaths.
‘ Fie, my Dear, ſay I; how can a Woman of
‘ your Senſe fall into ſuch an intemperate Rage?
‘ Indeed, my Dear, ſays ſhe, you make me mad
‘ ſometimes, ſo you do, with the ſilly Way you
‘ have of treating me like a pretty Idiot. Well,
‘ what have I got by putting her into good Hu-
‘ mour? Nothing but that I muſt convince her of
‘ my good Opinion by my Practice; and then I
‘ am to give her Poſſeſſion of my little Ready-
‘ Money, and, for a Day and half following, diſ-
‘ like all ſhe diſlikes, and extol every thing ſhe ap-
‘ proves. I am ſo exquiſitely fond of this Darling,

‘ that

that I ſeldom ſee any of my Friends, am uneaſie in all Companies till I ſee her again; and when I come home, ſhe is in the Dumps, becauſe ſhe ſays, ſhe is ſure I came ſo ſoon only becauſe I think her handſome. I dare not upon this Occaſion laugh; but tho' I am one of the warmeſt Churchmen in the Kingdom, I am forced to rail at the Times, becauſe ſhe is a violent Whig. Upon this we talk Politicks, ſo long, that ſhe is convinc'd I kiſs her for her Wiſdom. It is a common Practice with me to ask her ſome Queſtion concerning the Conſtitution, which ſhe anſwers me in general out of *Harington*'s *Oceana:* Then I commend her ſtrange Memory, and her Arm is immediately locked in mine. While I keep her in this Temper ſhe plays before me, ſometimes dancing in the Midſt of the Room, ſometimes ſtriking an Air at her Spinnet, varying her Poſture, and her Charms in ſuch a Manner that I am in continual Pleaſure: She will play the Fool if I allow her to be wiſe, but if ſhe ſuſpects I like her for her trifling, ſhe immediately grows grave.

'THESE are the Toils in which I am taken, and I carry off my Servitude as well as moſt Men; but my Application to you is in Behalf of the *Hen-peckt* in general, and I deſire a Diſſertation from you in Defence of us. You have, as I am informed, very good Authorities in our Favour, and hope you will not omit the Mention of the renowned *Socrates*, and his philoſophick Reſignation to his Wife *Xantippe*. This would be a very good Office to the World in general, for the *Hen-peckt* are powerful in their Quality and Numbers, not only in Cities but in Courts; in the latter they are ever the moſt obſequious, in the former the moſt wealthy of all Men. When you have conſidered Wedlock throughly,

'you ought to enter into the Suburbs of Matri-
'mony, and give us an Account of the Thraldom
'of kind Keepers and irreſolute Lovers; the Kee-
'pers who cannot quit their fair ones tho' they ſee
'their approaching Ruin; the Lovers who dare
'not marry, tho' they know they ſhall never be
'happy without the Miſtreſſes whom they cannot
'purchaſe on other Terms.

'WHAT will be a great Embelliſhment to your
'Diſcourſe, will be, that you may find Inſtances
'of the Haughty, the Proud, the Frolick, the Stub-
'born, who are each of them in ſecret downright
'Slaves to their Wives or Miſtreſſes. I muſt beg
'of you in the laſt Place to dwell upon this, That
'the Wiſe and Valiant in all Ages have been *Hen-*
'*peckt*; and that the ſturdy Tempers who are not
'Slaves to Affection, owe that Exemption to their
'being enthraled by Ambition, Avarice, or ſome
'meaner Paſſion. I have ten thouſand Things
'more to ſay, but my Wife ſees me writing, and
'will, according to Cuſtom, be conſulted, if I
'do not ſeal this immediately T

Yours,

Nathaniel Henrooſt.

N°. 177. *Saturday, September* 22.

——*Quis enim bonus, aut face dignus*
Arcanâ, qualem Cereris vult eſſe Sacerdos,
Ulla aliena ſibi credat mala?—— Juv.

IN one of my laſt Week's Papers I treated of Good-nature, as it is the Effect of Conſtitution; I ſhall now ſpeak of it as it is a Moral Virtue. The firſt may make a Man eaſy in himſelf and agreeable to others, but implies no Merit in him that is poſſeſſed of it. A Man is no more to be praiſed upon this Account, than becauſe he has a regular Pulſe

Pulſe or a good Digeſtion. This Good-nature however in the Conſtitution, which Mr. *Dryden* ſomewhere calls a *Milkineſs of Blood*, is an admirable Groundwork for the other. In order therefore to try our Good-nature, whether it ariſes from the Body or the Mind, whether it be founded in the Animal or Rational Part of our Nature, in a Word, whether it be ſuch as is entituled to any other Reward, beſides that ſecret Satisfaction and Contentment of Mind which is eſſential to it, and the kind Reception it procures us in the World, we muſt examine it by the following Rules.

FIRST, Whether it acts with Steadineſs and Uniformity in Sickneſs and in Health, in Proſperity and in Adverſity; if otherwiſe, it is to be looked upon as nothing elſe but an Irradiation of the Mind from ſome new Supply of Spirits, or a more kindly Circulation of the Blood. Sir *Francis Bacon* mentions a cunning Sollicitor, who would never ask a Favour of a great Man before Dinner; but took Care to prefer his Petition at a Time when the Party petitioned had his Mind free from Care, and his Appetites in good Humour. Such a tranſient temporary Good-nature as this, is not that *Philanthropie*, that Love of Mankind, which deſerves the Title of a Moral Virtue.

THE next Way of a Man's bringing his Good-nature to the Teſt, is, to conſider whether it operates according to the Rules of Reaſon and Duty: For if, notwithſtanding its general Benevolence to Mankind, it makes no Diſtinction between its Objects, if it exerts it ſelf promiſcuouſly towards the Deſerving and the Undeſerving, if it relieves alike the Idle and the Indigent, if it gives it ſelf up to the firſt Petitioner, and lights upon any one rather by Accident than Choice, it may paſs for an amiable Inſtinct, but muſt not aſſume the Name of a Moral Virtue.

THE third Trial of Good-nature will be, the examining our ſelves, whether or no we are able to exert it to our own Diſadvantage, and employ it on proper Objects, notwithſtanding any little Pain, Want, or Inconvenience which may ariſe to our ſelves from it: In a Word, whether we are willing to riſque any Part of our Fortune, our Reputation, our Health or Eaſe, for the Benefit of Mankind. Among all theſe Expreſſions of Good-nature, I ſhall ſingle out that which goes under the general Name of Charity, as it conſiſts in relieving the Indigent; that being a Trial of this Kind which offers it ſelf to us almoſt at all Times and in every Place.

I ſhould propoſe it as a Rule to every one, who is provided with any Competency of Fortune more than ſufficient for the Neceſſaries of Life, to lay aſide a certain Proportion of his Income for the Uſe of the Poor. This I would look upon as an Offering to him who has a Right to the Whole, for the Uſe of thoſe whom, in the Paſſage hereafter mentioned, he has deſcribed as his own Repreſentative upon Earth. At the ſame Time we ſhould manage our Charity with ſuch Prudence and Caution, that we may not hurt our own Friends or Relations whilſt we are doing Good to thoſe who are Strangers to us.

THIS may poſſibly be explained better by an Example than by a Rule.

EUGENIUS is a Man of an univerſal Good-nature, and generous beyond the Extent of his Fortune; but withal ſo prudent in the Oeconomy of his Affairs, that what goes out in Charity is made up by good Management. *Eugenius* has what the World calls two hundred Pounds a Year; but never values himſelf above Nineſcore, as not thinking he has a Right to the Tenth Part, which he always appropriates to charitable Uſes. To this Sum he

he frequently makes other voluntary Additions, inſomuch that in a good Year, for ſuch he accounts thoſe in which he has been able to make greater Bounties than ordinary, he has given above twice that Sum to the Sickly and Indigent. *Eugenius* preſcribes to himſelf many particular Days of Faſting and Abſtinence, in order to encreaſe his private Bank of Charity, and ſets aſide what would be the current Expences of thoſe Times for the Uſe of the Poor. He often goes afoot where his Buſineſs call him, and at the End of his Walk has given a Shilling, which in his ordinary Methods of Expence would have gone for Coach-hire, to the firſt neceſſitous Perſon that has fallen in his Way. I have known him, when he has been going to a Play or an Opera, divert the Money which was deſigned for that Purpoſe, upon an Object of Charity whom he has met with in the Street; and afterwards paſs his Evening in a Coffee-houſe, or at a Friend's Fireſide, with much greater Satisfaction to himſelf than he could have received from the moſt exquiſite Entertainments of the Theatre. By theſe Means he is generous without impoveriſhing himſelf, and enjoys his Eſtate by making it the Property of others.

THERE are few Men ſo cramped in their private Affairs, who may not be charitable after this manner, without any Diſadvantage to themſelves, or Prejudice to their Families. It is but ſometimes ſacrificing a Diverſion or Convenience to the Poor, and turning the uſual Courſe of our Expences into a better Channel. This is, I think, not only the moſt prudent and convenient, but the moſt meritorious Piece of Charity, which we can put in Practice. By this Method we in ſome meaſure ſhare the Neceſſities of the Poor at the ſame Time that we relieve them, and make our ſelves not only their Patrons, but their Fellow-Sufferers.

SIR

SIR *Thomas Brown*, in the laſt Part of his *Religio Medici*, in which he deſcribes his Charity in ſeveral heroick Inſtances, and with a noble Heat of Sentiments, mentions that Verſe in the Proverbs of *Solomon*, *He that giveth to the Poor, lendeth to the Lord:* 'There is more Rhetorick in that one 'Sentence, ſays he, than in a Library of Sermons; 'and indeed if thoſe Sentences were underſtood by 'the Reader, with the ſame Emphaſis as they are 'delivered by the Author, we needed not thoſe 'Volumes of Inſtructions, but might be honeſt by 'an Epitome.

THIS Paſſage in Scripture is indeed wonderfully perſuaſive; but I think the ſame Thought is carried much further in the New Teſtament, where our Saviour tells us in a moſt pathetick Manner, that he ſhall hereafter regard the cloathing of the Naked, the feeding of the Hungry, and the viſiting of the Impriſoned, as Offices done to himſelf, and reward them accordingly. Purſuant to thoſe Paſſages in Holy Scripture, I have ſomewhere met with the Epitaph of a charitable Man, which has very much pleaſed me. I cannot recollect the Words, but the Senſe of it is to this Purpoſe: What I ſpent I loſt; what I poſſeſſed is left to others; what I gave away remains with me.

SINCE I am thus inſenſibly engaged in Sacred Writ, I cannot forbear making an Extract of ſeveral Paſſages which I have always read with great Delight in the Book of *Job*. It is the Account which that Holy Man gives of his Behaviour in the Days of his Proſperity, and if conſidered only as a humane Compoſition, is a finer Picture of a charitable and good-natur'd Man than is to be met with in any other Author.

O H that I were as in months paſt, as in the days when God preſerved me: When his candle ſhined upon my head, and when by his light I walked

d through darkneſs: When the Almighty was yet with me; when my children were about me: When I waſhed my ſteps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oyl.

WHEN the ear heard me, then it bleſſed me; and when the eye ſaw me, it gave witneſs to me: Becauſe I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherleſs, and him that had none to help him. The bleſſing of him that was ready to periſh, came upon me, and I cauſed the widow's heart to ſing for joy. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame; I was a father to the poor, and the cauſe which I knew not, I ſearched out. Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? Was not my ſoul grieved for the poor? Let me be weighed in an even ballance, that God may know mine integrity. If I did deſpiſe the cauſe of my man-ſervant, or of my maid-ſervant when they contended with me: What then ſhall I do when God riſeth up? and when he viſiteth, what ſhall I anſwer him? Did not he that made me in the womb, make him? and did not one faſhion us in the womb? If I have with-held the poor from their deſire, or have cauſed the eyes of the widow to fail: or have eaten my morſel my ſelf alone, and the fatherleſs hath not eaten thereof: If I have ſeen any periſh for want of cloathing, or any poor without covering: If his loyns have not bleſſed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my ſheep: If I have lift up my hand againſt the fatherleſs, when I ſaw my help in the gate; then let mine arm fall from my ſhoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. If I have rejoyced at the Deſtruction of him that hated me, or lift up my ſelf when evil found him: (Neither have I ſuffered my mouth to ſin, by wiſhing a curſe to his ſoul.) The ſtranger did not lodge in the ſtreet; but I opened my doors to the traveller. If my land cry againſt me, or that the furrows likewiſe thereof complain. If I have eaten

ten the Fruits thereof without money, or have cauſed the owners thereof to loſe their Life: Let thiſtles grow inſtead of wheat, and cockle inſtead of barley. L

N° 178 *Monday, September* 24.

Comis in uxorem ——— Hor.

I Cannot defer taking Notice of this Letter.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am but too good a Judge of your Paper of 'the 15th Inſtant, which is a Maſter-piece; I 'mean that of Jealouſy: But I think it unworthy 'of you to ſpeak of that Torture in the Breaſt of a 'Man, and not to mention alſo the Pangs of it 'in the Heart of a Woman. You have very judi-'ciouſly, and with the greateſt Penetration imagi-'nable, conſidered it as Woman is the Creature of 'whom the Diffidence is raiſed; but not a Word 'of a Man, who is ſo unmerciful as to move Jea-'louſy in his Wife, and not care whether ſhe is ſo 'or not. It is poſſible you may not believe there are 'ſuch Tyrants in the World; but alas I can tell 'you of a Man who is ever out of Humour in his 'Wife's Company, and the pleaſanteſt Man in the 'World every where elſe; the greateſt Sloven at 'home when he appears to none but his Family, 'and moſt exactly well-dreſſed in all other Places. 'Alas, Sir, is it of Courſe, that to deliver one's 'ſelf wholly into a Man's Power without Poſſibi-'lity of Appeal to any other Juriſdiction but to his 'own Reflexions, is ſo little an Obligation to a 'Gentleman, that he can be offended and fall in-'to a Rage, becauſe my Heart ſwells Tears into 'my Eyes when I ſee him in a cloudy Mood? I 'pretend to no Succour, and hope for no Relief

'but

but from himſelf; and yet he that has Senſe and Juſtice in every thing elſe, never reflects, that to come home only to ſleep off an Intemperance, and ſpend all the Time he is there as if it were a Puniſhment, cannot but give the Anguiſh of a jealous Mind. He always leaves his Home as if he was going to Court, and returns as if he were entring a Goal. I could add to this, that from his Company and his uſual Diſcourſe, he does not ſcruple being thought an abandon'd Man, as to his Morals. Your own Imagination will ſay enough to you concerning the Condition of me his Wife; and I wiſh you would be ſo good as to repreſent to him, for he is not ill-natured and reads you much, that the Moment I hear the Door ſhut after him, I throw my ſelf upon my Bed, and drown the Child he is ſo fond of with my Tears, and often frighten it with my Cries; that I curſe my Being; that I run to my Glaſs all over bathed in Sorrows, and help the Utterance of my inward Anguiſh by beholding the Guſh of my own Calamities as my Tears fall from my Eyes. This looks like an imagined Picture to tell you, but indeed this is one of my Paſtimes. Hitherto I have only told you the general Temper of my Mind, but how ſhall I give you an Account of the Diſtraction of it? Could you but conceive how cruel I am one Moment in my Reſentment, and, at the enſuing Minute, when I place him in the Condition my Anger would bring him to, how compaſſionate; it would give you ſome Notion how miſerable I am, and how little I deſerve it. When I remonſtrate with the greateſt Gentleneſs that is poſſible againſt unhandſome Appearances, and that married Perſons are under particular Rules; when he is in the beſt Humour to receive this, I am anſwered only, That I expoſe my own Reputation and Senſe if I appear

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'jealous, I wiſh, good Sir, you would take this
'into ſerious Conſideration, and admoniſh Huſ-
'bands and Wives what Terms they ought to
'keep towards each other. Your Thoughts on
'this important Subject will have the greateſt Re-
'ward, that which deſcends on ſuch as feel the
'Sorrows of the Afflicted. Give me Leave to
'ſubſcribe my ſelf,

Your unfortunate,
Humble Servant.

CELINDA.

I had it in my Thoughts, before I received the Letter of this Lady, to conſider this dreadful Paſſion in the Mind of a Woman; and the Smart ſhe ſeems to feel does not abate the Inclination I had to recommend to Husbands a more regular Behaviour, than to give the moſt exquiſite of Torments to thoſe who love them, nay whoſe Torment would be abated if they did not love them.

IT is wonderful to obſerve how little is made of this inexpreſſible Injury, and how eaſily Men get into an Habit of being leaſt agreeable where they are moſt obliged to be ſo. But this Subject deſerves a diſtinct Speculation, and I ſhall obſerve for a Day or two the Behaviour of two or three happy Pair I am acquainted with, before I pretend to make a Syſtem of Conjugal Morality. I deſign in the firſt Place to go a few Miles out of Town, and there I know where to meet one who practiſes all the Parts of a fine Gentleman in the Duty of an Husband. When he was a Batchelor, much Buſineſs made him particularly negligent in his Habit; but now there is no young Lover living ſo exact in the Care of his Perſon. One who asked why he was ſo long waſhing his Mouth, and ſo delicate in the Choice and Wearing of his Linnen, was anſwered, Becauſe there is a Woman of Merit obliged to receive me kind-

kindly, and I think it incumbent upon me to make her Inclination go along with her Duty.

IF a Man would give himſelf leave to think, he would not be ſo unreaſonable as to expect Debauchery and Innocence could live in Commerce together; or hope that Fleſh and Blood is capable of ſo ſtrict an Alliance, as that a fine Woman muſt go on to improve her ſelf 'till ſhe is as good and impaſſive as an Angel, only to preſerve a Fidelity to a Brute and a Satyr. The Lady who deſires me for her Sake to end one of my Papers with the following Letter, I am perſuaded, thinks ſuch a Perſeverance very impracticable.

Husband,

STAY more at home. I know where you viſited at Seven of the Clock on *Thurſday* Evening. The Colonel, whom you charged me to ſee no more, is in Town.

T *Martha Houſewife.*

N° 179. *Tueſday, September 25.*

Centuriæ ſeniorum agitant expertia frugis:
Celſi prætereunt auſtera Poëmata Rhamnes.
Omne tulit punctum qui miſcuit utile dulci,
Lectorem delectando, pariterque monendo. Hor.

I May caſt my Readers under two general Diviſions, the *Mercurial* and the *Saturnine*. The firſt are the gay Part of my Diſciples, who require Speculations of Wit and Humour; the others are thoſe of a more ſolemn and ſober Turn, who find no Pleaſure but in Papers of Morality and ſound Senſe. The former call every thing that is Serious Stupid; the latter look upon every thing as Impertinent that is Ludicrous. Were I always Grave, one half of my Readers would fall off from me: Were I always Merry, I ſhould loſe the other. I make it

therefore my Endeavour to find out Entertainments of both Kinds, and by that means perhaps conſult the Good of both, more than I ſhould do, did I always write to the particular Taſte of either. As they neither of them know what I proceed upon, the ſprightly Reader, who takes up my Paper in order to be diverted, very often finds himſelf engaged unawares in a ſerious and profitable Courſe of Thinking; as on the contrary, the thoughtful Man, who perhaps may hope to find ſomething Solid, and full of deep Reflection, is very often inſenſibly betray'd into a Fit of Mirth. In a Word, the Reader ſits down to my Entertainment without knowing his Bill of Fare, and has therefore at leaſt the Pleaſure of hoping there may be a Diſh to his Palate.

I muſt confeſs, were I left to my ſelf, I would rather aim at Inſtructing than Diverting; but if we will be uſeful to the World, we muſt take it as we find it. Authors of profeſſed Severity diſcourage the looſer Part of Mankind from having any thing to do with their Writings. A Man muſt have Virtue in him, before he will enter upon the Reading of a *Seneca* or an *Epictetus*. The very Title of a Moral Treatiſe has ſomething in it auſtere and ſhocking to the Careleſs and Inconſiderate.

FOR this Reaſon ſeveral unthinking Perſons fall in my way, who would give no Attention to Lectures delivered with a Religious Seriouſneſs or a Philoſophick Gravity. They are inſnared into Sentiments of Wiſdom and Virtue when they do not think of it; and if by that means they arrive only at ſuch a Degree of Conſideration as may diſpoſe them to liſten to more ſtudied and elaborate Diſcourſes, I ſhall not think my Speculations uſeleſs. I might likewiſe obſerve, that the Gloominess in which ſometimes the Minds of the beſt Men are involved, very often ſtands in need of ſuch little

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Incitements to Mirth and Laughter, as are apt to diſperſe Melancholy, and put our Faculties in good Humour. To which ſome will add, that the *Britiſh* Climate, more than any other, makes Entertainments of this Nature in a manner neceſſary.

IF what I have here ſaid does not recommend, it will at leaſt excuſe, the Variety of my Speculations. I would not willingly Laugh but in order to Inſtruct, or if I ſometimes fail in this Point, when my Mirth ceaſes to be Inſtructive, it ſhall never ceaſe to be Innocent. A ſcrupulous Conduct in this Particular, has, perhaps, more Merit in it than the Generality of Readers imagine; did they know how many Thoughts occur in a Point of Humour, which a diſcreet Author in Modeſty ſuppreſſes; how many Stroaks of Raillery preſent themſelves, which could not fail to pleaſe the ordinary Taſte of Mankind, but are ſtifled in their Birth by reaſon of ſome remote Tendency which they carry in them to corrupt the Minds of thoſe who read them; did they know how many Glances of Ill-nature are induſtriouſly avoided for fear of doing Injury to the Reputation of another, they would be apt to think kindly of thoſe Writers who endeavour to make themſelves Diverting without being Immoral. One may apply to theſe Authors that Paſſage in *Waller*,

Poets loſe half the Praiſe they would have got,
Were it but known what they diſcreetly blot.

As nothing is more eaſy than to be a Wit with all the above-mentioned Liberties, it requires ſome Genius and Invention to appear ſuch without them.

WHAT I have here ſaid is not only in regard to the Publick, but with an Eye to my particular Correſpondent who has ſent me the following Letter, which I have caſtrated in ſome Places upon theſe Conſiderations.

SIR,

'HAVING lately ſeen your Diſcourſe upon
'a Match of Grinning, I cannot forbear gi-
'ving you an Account of a Whiſtling Match,
'which, with many others, I was entertained with
'about three Years ſince at the *Bath*. The Prize
'was a Guinea, to be conferred upon the ableſt
'Whiſtler, that is, on him who could Whiſtle
'cleareſt, and go through his Tune without Laugh-
'ing, to which at the ſame Time he was provo-
'ked by the antick Poſtures of a *Merry-Andrew*,
'who was to ſtand upon the Stage and play his
'Tricks in the Eye of the Performer. There were
'three Competitors for the Ring. The firſt was
'a Plow-man of a very promiſing Aſpect; his Fea-
'tures were ſteady, and his Muſcles compoſed in
'ſo inflexible a Stupidity, that upon his firſt Ap-
'pearance every one gave the Guinea for loſt. The
'Pickled-Herring however found the Way to ſhake
'him, for upon his Whiſtling a Country-Jigg, this
'unlucky Wagg danced to it with ſuch Variety
'of Diſtortions and Grimaces, that the Country-
'man could not forbear ſmiling upon him, and by
'that means ſpoiled his Whiſtle and loſt the Prize.

'THE next that mounted the Stage was an Un-
'der-Citizen of the *Bath*, a Perſon remarkable a-
'mong the Inferior People of that Place for his
'great Wiſdom and his broad Band. He contract-
'ed his Mouth with much Gravity, and, that he
'might diſpoſe his Mind to be more ſerious than
'ordinary, begun the Tune of *the Children in the*
'*Wood*, and went through Part of it with good
'Succeſs; when on a ſudden the Wit at his El-
'bow, who had appeared wonderfully grave and
'attentive for ſome time, gave him a Touch upon
'the left Shoulder, and ſtared him in the Face with
'ſo bewitching a Grinn, that the Whiſtler relaxed
'his Fibres into a Kind of Simper, and at length

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'burſt out into an open Laugh. The third who 'entered the Liſts was a Foot-man, who, in De-'fiance of the *Merry-Andrew*, and all his Arts, 'whiſtled a *Scotch* Tune and an *Italian* Sonata, 'with ſo ſettled a Countenance, that he bore a-'way the Prize, to the great Admiration of ſome 'Hundreds of Perſons, who, as well as my ſelf, 'were preſent at this Tryal of Skill. Now, Sir, 'I humbly conceive, whatever you have determi-'ned of the Grinners, the Whiſtlers ought to be 'encouraged, not only as their Art is practiſed 'without Diſtortion, but as it improves Country 'Muſick, promotes Gravity, and teaches ordina-'ry People to keep their Countenances, if they ſee 'any thing ridiculous in their Betters; beſides that, 'it ſeems an Entertainment very particularly adapt-'ed to the *Bath*, as it is uſual for a Rider to whi-'ſtle to his Horſe when he would make his Wa-'ters paſs.

I am, Sir, &c.

POSTSCRIPT.

'AFTER having diſpatched theſe two impor-'tant Points of Grinning and Whiſtling, I hope 'you will oblige the World with ſome Reflecti-'ons upon Yawning, as I have ſeen it practiſed 'on a Twelfth-Night among other *Chriſtmas* Gam-'bols, at the Houſe of a very worthy Gentleman, 'who always entertains his Tenants at that Time 'of the Year. They Yawn for a *Cheſhire* Cheeſe, 'and begin about Mid-night, when the whole Com-'pany is diſpoſed to be drowſy. He that Yawns 'wideſt, and at the ſame Time ſo naturally as to 'produce the moſt Yawns among his Spectators, 'carries home the Cheeſe If you handle this Sub-'ject as you ought, I queſtion not but your Pa-'per will ſet Half the Kingdom a Yawning, tho'

'I dare promiſe you it will never make any Body
'fall aſleep. L

N° 180. *Wedneſday, September 26.*

——*Delirant Reges plectuntur Achivi.* Hor.

THE following Letter has ſo much Weight and good Senſe, that I cannot forbear inſerting it, tho' it relates to an hardened Sinner, whom I have very little Hopes of reforming, *viz. Lewis* XIV. of *France*.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'AMIDST the Variety of Subjects of which 'you have treated, I could wiſh it had fal-'len in your Way to expoſe the Vanity of Con-'queſts. This Thought would naturally lead one 'to the *French* King, who has been generally eſteem-'ed the greateſt Conqueror of our Age, till her 'Majeſty's Armies had torn from him ſo many 'of his Countries, and deprived him of the Fruit 'of all his former Victories. For my own Part, 'if I were to draw his Picture, I ſhould be for 'taking him no lower than to the Peace of *Reſ-'wick*, juſt at the End of his Triumphs, and be-'fore his Reverſe of Fortune; and even then I 'ſhould not forbear thinking his Ambition had been 'vain and unprofitable to himſelf and his People.

'As for himſelf, it is certain he can have gain-'ed nothing by his Conqueſts, if they have not 'rendred him Maſter of more Subjects, more 'Riches, or greater Power. What I ſhall be able 'to offer upon theſe Heads, I reſolve to ſubmit to 'your Conſideration.

'To begin them with his Increaſe of Subjects. 'From the Time he came of Age, and has been 'a Manager for himſelf, all the People he had ac-'quired were ſuch only as he had reduced by his 'Wars,

'Wars, and were left in his Poſſeſſion by the 'Peace; he had conquered not above one third 'Part of *Flanders*, and conſequently no more than 'one third Part of the Inhabitants of that Pro-'vince.

'ABOUT 100 Years ago the Houſes in that 'Country were all numbered, and by a juſt Com-'putation the Inhabitants of all Sorts could not 'then exceed 750000 Souls. And if any Man 'will conſider the Deſolation by almoſt perpetual 'Wars, the numerous Armies that have lived al-'moſt ever ſince at Diſcretion upon the People, 'and how much of their Commerce has remo-'ved for more Security to other Places, he will 'have little Reaſon to imagine that their Numbers 'have ſince increaſed; and therefore with one 'third Part of that Province that Prince can have 'gained no more than one third Part of the Inha-'bitants, or 250000 new Subjects, even tho' it 'ſhould be ſuppoſed they were all contented to 'live ſtill in their native Country, and transfer their 'Allegiance to a new Maſter.

'THE Fertility of this Province, its convenient 'Situation for Trade and Commerce, its Capaci-'ty for furniſhing Employment and Subſiſtence to 'great Numbers, and the vaſt Armies that have 'been maintained here, make it credible that the 'remaining two Thirds of *Flanders* are equal to 'all his other Conqueſts; and conſequently by all 'he cannot have gained more than 750000 new 'Subjects, Men, Women and Children, eſpecial-'ly if a Deduction ſhall be made of ſuch as have 'retired from the Conqueror to live under their 'old Maſters.

'IT is Time now to ſet his Loſs againſt his 'Profit, and to ſhew for the new Subjects he had 'acquired, how many old ones he had loſt in the 'Acquiſition: I think that in his Wars he has ſel-

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'dom brought leſs into the Field in all Places than '200000 fighting Men, beſides what have been 'left in Garriſons; and I think the common Com-'putation is, that of an Army, at the latter End 'of a Campaign, without Sieges or Battle, ſcarce 'four Fifths can be muſtered of thoſe that came 'into the Field at the Beginning of the Year. His 'Wars at ſeveral Times till the laſt Peace have 'held about 20 Years; and if 40000 yearly loſt, 'or a fifth Part of his Armies, are to be multiply'd 'by 20, he cannot have loſt leſs than 800000 of 'his old Subjects, all able body'd Men, a greater 'Number than the new Subjects he had acquired.

'BUT this Loſs is not all: Providence ſeems 'to have equally divided the whole Maſs of Man-'kind into different Sexes, that every Woman 'may have her Husband, and that both may equal-'ly contribute to the Continuance of the Species. 'It follows then, that for all the Men that have 'been loſt, as many Women muſt have lived ſingle, 'and it were but Charity to believe they have not 'done all the Service they were capable of doing 'in their Generation. In ſo long a Courſe of Years 'great part of them muſt have died, and all the 'reſt muſt go off at laſt without leaving any Re-'preſentatives behind. By this Account he muſt 'have loſt not only 800000 Subjects, but double 'that Number, and all the Increaſe that was rea-'ſonably to be expected from it.

'IT is ſaid in the laſt War there was a Famine 'in his Kingdom, which ſwept away two Milli-'ons of his People. This is hardly credible; if the 'Loſs was only of one fifth Part of that Sum, it 'was very great. But 'tis no Wonder there ſhould 'be Famine, where ſo much of the People's Sub-'ſtance is taken away for the King's Uſe, that 'they have not ſufficient left to provide againſt Ac-'cidents; where ſo many of the Men are taken

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from the Plough to ſerve the King in his Wars, and a great Part of the Tillage is left to the weaker Hands of ſo many Women and Children. Whatever was the Loſs, it muſt undoubtedly be placed to the Account of his Ambition.

'AND ſo muſt alſo the Deſtruction or Baniſhment of 3 or 400000 of his reformed Subjects; he could have no other Reaſons for valuing thoſe Lives ſo very cheap, but only to recommend himſelf to the Bigotry of the *Spaniſh* Nation.

'How ſhould there be Induſtry in a Country where all Property is precarious? What Subject will ſow his Land that his Prince may reap the whole Harveſt? Parſimony and Frugality muſt be Strangers to ſuch a People; for will any Man ſave to Day what he has Reaſon to fear will be taken from him to Morrow? And where is the Encouragement for marrying? Will any Man think of raiſing Children without any Aſſurance of Cloathing for their Backs, or ſo much as Food for their Bellies? And thus by his fatal Ambition he muſt have leſſened the Number of his Subjects not only by Slaughter and Deſtruction, but by preventing their very Births, he has done as much as was poſſible towards deſtroying Poſterity it ſelf.

'Is this then the great, the invincible *Lewis*? This the immortal Man, the *tout puiſſant*, or the Almighty, as his Flatterers have called him? Is this the Man that is ſo celebrated for his Conqueſts? For every Subject he has acquired, has he not loſt three that were his Inheritance? Are not his Troops fewer, and thoſe neither ſo well fed, or cloathed, or paid, as they were formerly, tho' he has now ſo much greater Cauſe to exert himſelf? And what can be the Reaſon of all this, but that his Revenue is a great deal leſs,

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'his Subjects are either poorer, or not ſo many to 'be plundered by conſtant Taxes for his Uſe?

'IT is well for him he had found out a Way 'to ſteal a Kingdom; if he had gone on conquer- 'ing as he did before, his Ruin had been long ſince 'finiſhed. This brings to my Mind a Saying of 'King *Pyrrhus*, after he had a ſecond Time beat 'the *Romans* in a pitched Battle, and was compli- 'mented by his Generals; *Yes*, ſays he, *ſuch another 'Victory and I am quite undone*. And ſince I have 'mentioned *Pyrrhus*, I will end with a very good, 'though known Story of this ambitious mad 'Man. When he had ſhewn the utmoſt Fondneſs 'for his Expedition againſt the *Romans*, *Cyneas* his 'chief Miniſter asked him, what he propoſed to 'himſelf by this War? Why, ſays *Pyrrhus*, to 'conquer the *Romans*, and reduce all *Italy* to my 'Obedience. What then, ſays *Cyneas*? To paſs 'over into *Sicily*, ſays *Pyrrhus*, and then all the 'Sicilians muſt be our Subjects. And what does 'your Majeſty intend next? Why truly, ſays the 'King, to conquer *Carthage*, and make my ſelf 'Maſter of all *Africa*. And what, Sir, ſays the 'Miniſter, is to be the End of all your Expedi- 'tions? Why then, ſays the King, for the reſt of 'our Lives we'll ſit down to good Wine. How, 'Sir, replyed *Cyneas*, to better than we have now 'before us? Have we not already as much as we 'can drink?

'RIOT and Exceſs are not the becoming Cha- 'racters of Princes; but if *Pyrrhus* and *Lewis* 'had debauched like *Vitellius*, they had been leſs 'hurtful to their People.

Your humble Servant,

T PHILARITHMUS.

Thurſday,

N° 181. *Thurſday, September 27.*

His lacrymis vitam damus, & miſereſcimus ultrò.
Virg.

I Am more pleaſed with a Letter that is filled with Touches of Nature than of Wit. The following one is of this Kind.

SIR,

'AMONG all the Diſtreſſes which happen in Families, I do not remember that you have touched upon the Marriage of Children without the Conſent of their Parents. I am one of theſe unfortunate Perſons. I was about Fifteen when I took the Liberty to chuſe for my ſelf; and have ever ſince languiſhed under the Diſpleaſure of an inexorable Father, who, though he ſees me happy in the beſt of Husbands, and bleſſed with very fine Children, can never be prevailed upon to forgive me. He was ſo kind to me before this unhappy Accident, that indeed it makes my Breach of Duty, in ſome Meaſure, inexcuſable; and at the ſame Time creates in me ſuch a Tenderneſs towards him, that I love him above all things, and would die to be reconciled to him. I have thrown my ſelf at his Feet, and beſought him with Tears to pardon me; but he always puſhes me away, and ſpurns me from him: I have written ſeveral Letters to him, but he will neither open nor receive them. About two Years ago I ſent my little Boy to him, dreſſed in a new Apparel; but the Child returned to me crying, becauſe he ſaid his Grandfather would not ſee him, and had ordered him to be put out of his Houſe. My Mother is won over to my Side, but dares not mention me to my Father for fear of provoking him. About a Month

'Month ago he lay ſick upon his Bed, and in great
'Danger of his Life: I was pierced to the Heart
'at the News, and could not forbear going to en-
'quire after his Health. My Mother took this
'Opportunity of ſpeaking in my Behalf: She told
'him with abundance of Tears, that I was come
'to ſee him, that I could not ſpeak to her for
'weeping, and that I ſhould certainly break my
'Heart if he refuſed at that Time to give me his
'Bleſſing, and be reconciled to me. He was ſo
'far from relenting towards me, that he bid her
'ſpeak no more of me, unleſs ſhe had a Mind to
'diſturb him in his laſt Moments; for, Sir, you
'muſt know that he has the Reputation of an ho-
'neſt and religious Man, which makes my Miſ-
'fortune ſo much the greater. God be thanked he
'is ſince recovered: But his ſevere Uſage has gi-
'ven me ſuch a Blow, that I ſhall ſoon ſink un-
'der it, unleſs I may be relieved by any Impreſſi-
'ons which the reading of this in your Paper may
'make upon him.

I am, &c.

OF all Hardneſſes of Heart, there is none ſo inexcuſable as that of Parents towards their Children. An obſtinate, inflexible, unforgiving Temper is odious upon all Occaſions, but here it is unnatural. The Love, Tenderneſs, and Compaſſion which are apt to ariſe in us, towards thoſe who depend upon us, is that by which the whole World of Life is upheld. The Supreme Being, by the tranſcendent Excellency and Goodneſs of his Nature, extends his Mercy towards all his Works; and becauſe his Creatures have not ſuch a ſpontaneous Benevolence and Compaſſion towards thoſe who are under their Care and Protection, he has implanted in them an Inſtinct, that ſupplies the Place of this inherent Goodneſs. I have illuſtrated

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his kind of Inſtinct in former Papers, and have ſhewn how it runs thro' all the Species of brute Creatures, as indeed the whole Animal Creation ſubſiſts by it.

THIS Inſtinct in Man is more general and uncircumſcribed than in Brutes, as being enlarged by the Dictates of Reaſon and Duty. For if we conſider our ſelves attentively, we ſhall find that we are not only enclined to love thoſe who deſcend from us, but that we bear a kind of (στοργὴ) or natural Affection, to every Thing which relies upon us for its Good and Preſervation. Dependance is a perpetual Call upon Humanity, and a greater Incitement to Tenderneſs and Pity than any other Motive whatſoever.

THE Man therefore who, notwithſtanding any Paſſion or Reſentment, can overcome this powerful Inſtinct, and extinguiſh natural Affection, debaſes his Mind even below Brutality, fruſtrates, as much as in him lies, the great Deſign of Providence, and ſtrikes out of his Nature one of the moſt Divine Principles that is planted in it.

AMONG innumerable Arguments which might be brought againſt ſuch an unreaſonable Proceeding, I ſhall only inſiſt on one. We make it the Condition of our Forgiveneſs that we forgive others. In our very Prayers we deſire no more than to be treated by this kind of Retaliation. The Caſe therefore before us ſeems to be what they call *a Caſe in Point*; the Relation between the Child and Father being what comes neareſt to that between a Creature and its Creator. If the Father is inexorable to the Child who has offended, let the Offence be of never ſo high a Nature, how will he addreſs himſelf to the Supreme Being, under the tender Appellation of a Father, and deſire of him ſuch a Forgiveneſs as he himſelf refuſes to grant?

TO this I might add many other religious, as well as many prudential Conſiderations; but if the laſt mentioned Motive does not prevail, I deſpair of ſucceeding by any other, and ſhall therefore conclude my Paper with a very remarkable Story, which is recorded in an old Chronicle publiſhed by *Freher* among the Writers of the *German* Hiſtory.

EGINHART, who was Secretary to *Charles* the Great, became exceeding popular by his Behaviour in that Poſt. His great Abilities gained him the Favour of his Maſter, and the Eſteem of the whole Court. *Imma*, the Daughter of the Emperor, was ſo pleaſed with his Perſon and Converſation, that ſhe fell in Love with him. As ſhe was one of the greateſt Beauties of the Age, *Eginhart* anſwered her with a more than equal Return of Paſſion. They ſtifled their Flames for ſome Time, under Apprehenſion of the fatal Conſequences that might enſue. *Eginhart* at length reſolving to hazard all, rather than live deprived of one whom his Heart was ſo much ſet upon, conveyed himſelf one Night into the Princeſs's Apartment, and knocking gently at the Door, was admitted as a Perſon who had ſomething to communicate to her from the Emperor. He was with her in private moſt Part of the Night; but upon his preparing to go away about Break of Day, he obſerved that there had fallen a great Snow during his Stay with the Princeſs. This very much perplexed him, leſt the Prints of his Feet in the Snow might make Diſcoveries to the King, who often uſed to viſit his Daughter in the Morning. He acquainted the Princeſs *Imma* with his Fears; who, after ſome Conſultations upon the Matter, prevailed upon him to let her carry him through the Snow upon her own Shoulders. It happened, that the Emperor not being able to ſleep, was at that Time up and walking

walking in his Chamber, when upon looking through the Window he perceived his Daughter tottering under her Burden, and carrying his firſt Miniſter acroſs the Snow; which ſhe had no ſooner done, but ſhe returned again with the utmoſt Speed to her own Apartment. The Emperor was extremely troubled and aſtoniſhed at this Accident; but reſolved to ſpeak nothing of it till a proper Opportunity. In the mean Time *Eginhart* knowing that what he had done could not be long a Secret, determined to retire from Court; and in order to it begged the Emperor that he would be pleaſed to diſmiſs him, pretending a kind of Diſcontent at his not having been rewarded for his long Services. The Emperor would not give a direct Anſwer to his Petition, but told him he would think of it, and appointed a certain Day when he would let him know his Pleaſure. He then called together the moſt faithful of his Counſellors, and acquainting them with his Secretary's Crime, asked them their Advice in ſo delicate an Affair. They moſt of them gave their Opinion, that the Perſon could not be too ſeverely puniſhed who had thus diſhonoured his Maſter. Upon the whole Debate, the Emperor declared it was his Opinion, that *Eginhart*'s Puniſhment would rather encreaſe than diminiſh the Shame of his Family, and that therefore he thought it the moſt adviſeable to wear out the Memory of the Fact, by marrying him to his Daughter. Accordingly *Eginhart* was called in, and acquainted by the Emperor, that he ſhould no longer have any Pretence of complaining his Services were not rewarded, for that the Princeſs *Imma* ſhould be given him in Marriage, with a Dower ſuitable to her Quality; which was ſoon after performed accordingly. L

N°. 182. *Friday, September* 28.

Plus aloes quàm mellis habet——— Juv.

AS all Parts of humane Life come under my Obſervation, my Reader muſt not make uncharitable Inferences from my ſpeaking knowingly of that Sort of Crime which is at preſent treated of. He will, I hope, ſuppoſe I know it only from the Letters of Correſpondents, two of which you ſhall have as follow.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'IT is wonderful to me that among the many 'Enormities you have treated of, you have 'not mentioned that of Wenching, and particular'ly the Inſnaring Part; I mean, that it is a Thing 'very fit for your Pen, to expoſe the Villany of 'the Practice of deluding Women. You are to 'know, Sir, that I my ſelf am a Woman who 'have been one of the Unhappy that have fallen 'into this Misfortune, and that by the Inſinuation 'of a very worthleſs Fellow, who ſerved others 'in the ſame manner both before my Ruin and 'ſince that Time. I had, as ſoon as the Raſcal 'left me, ſo much Indignation and Reſolution, as 'not go upon the Town, as the Phraſe is, but took 'to Work for my Living in an obſcure Place, out 'of the Knowledge of all with whom I was before 'acquainted.

'It is the ordinary Practice and Buſineſs of Life 'with a Sett of idle Fellows about this Town, to 'write Letters, ſend Meſſages, and form Appoint'ments with little raw unthinking Girls, and leave 'them after Poſſeſſion of them, without any Mer'cy, to Shame, Infamy, Poverty, and Diſeaſe. 'Were you to read the nauſeous Impertinencies 'which are written on theſe Occaſions, and to ſee

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'the ſilly Creatures ſighing over them, it could not
'but be Matter of Mirth as well as Pity. A little
'Prentice Girl of mine has been for ſome Time
'applied to by an *Iriſh* Fellow, who dreſſes very
'fine, and ſtruts in a lac'd Coat, and is the Admi-
'ration of Semſtreſſes who are under Age in Town.
'Ever ſince I have had ſome Knowledge of the
'Matter, I have debarred my Prentice from Pen,
'Ink, and Paper. But the other Day he beſpoke
'ſome Cravats of me: I went out of the Shop,
'and left his Miſtreſs to put them up into a Band-
'box in order to be ſent to him when his Man
'called. When I came into the Shop again, I took
'Occaſion to ſend her away, and found in the Bot-
'tom of the Box written theſe Words, *Why would
'you ruin a harmleſs Creature that loves you?* then
'in the Lid, *There is no reſiſting* Strephon: I ſearch-
'ed a little further, and found in the Rim of the
'Box, *At eleven of Clock at Night come in an
'Hackney-Coach at the End of our Street.* This was
'enough to alarm me; I ſent away the Things,
'and took my Meaſures accordingly. An Hour
'or two before the appointed Time I examined
'my young Lady and found her Trunk ſtuffed
'with impertinent Letters, and an old Scrole of
'Parchment in Latin, which her Lover had ſent
'her as a Settlement of fifty Pounds a Year:
'Among other Things, there was alſo the beſt
'Lace I had in my Shop to make him a Preſent
'for Cravats. I was very glad of this laſt Circum-
'ſtance, becauſe I could very conſcienciouſly
'ſwear againſt him that he had enticed my Ser-
'vant away, and was her Accomplice in rob-
'bing me: I procured a Warrant againſt him ac-
'cordingly. Every thing was now prepared, and the
'tender Hour of Love approaching. I who had
'acted for my ſelf in my Youth the ſame ſenſeleſs

'Part, knew how to manage accordingly: There-
'fore, after having locked up my Maid, and not
'being ſo much unlike her in Height and Shape, as
'in a huddled way not to paſs for her, I deliver-
'ed the Bundle deſigned to be carried off to her
'Lover's Man, who came with the Signal to re-
'ceive them. Thus I followed after to the Coach,
'where when I ſaw the Maſter take them in, I
'cryed out Thieves! Thieves! and the Conſtable
'with his Attendants ſeized my expecting Lover.
'I kept my ſelf unobſerved till I ſaw his Crowd
'ſufficiently encreaſed, and then appeared to de-
'clare the Goods to be mine; and had the Satiſ-
'faction to ſee my Man of Mode put into the
'*Round-houſe*, with the ſtoln Wares by him, to
'be produced in Evidence againſt him the next
'Morning. This Matter is notoriouſly known to
'be Fact; and I have been contented to ſave my
'Prentice, and take a Year's Rent of this mortifi-
'ed Lover, not to appear further in the Matter.
'this was ſome Penance; but, Sir, is this enough
'for a Villany of much more pernicious Conſe-
'quence than the Trifles for which he was to have
'been indicted? Should not you, and all Men of
'any Parts or Honour, put Things upon ſo right
'a Foot, as that ſuch a Raſcal ſhould not laugh
'at the Imputation of what he was really guilty,
'and dread being accuſed for that for which he was
'arreſted?

'IN a Word, Sir, it is in the Power of you, and
'ſuch as I hope you are, to make it as Infamous
'to rob a poor Creature of her Honour as her
'Cloaths. I leave this to your Conſideration, on-
'ly take Leave (which I cannot do without ſigh-
'ing) to remark to you, that if this had been the

'Senſe

Senſe of Mankind thirty Years ago, I ſhould have avoided a Life ſpent in Poverty and Shame.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Alice Threadneedle.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Round-houſe, Sept.* 9.

'I Am a Man of Pleaſure about Town, but by 'the Stupidity of a dull Rogue of a Juſtice of Peace and an inſolent Conſtable, upon the Oath of an old Harridan, am impriſoned here for Theft, when I deſigned only Fornication. The Midnight Magiſtrate, as he conveyed me along, had you in his Mouth, and ſaid, this would make a pure Story for the SPECTATOR. I hope, Sir, you won't pretend to Wit, and take the Part of dull Rogues of Buſineſs. The World is ſo altered of late Years, that there was not a Man who would knock down a Watchman in my Behalf, but I was carried off with as much Triumph as if I had been a Pick-pocket. At this rate there is an End of all the Wit and Humour in the World. The Time was when all the honeſt Whore-maſters in the Neighbourhood would have roſe againſt the Cuckolds to my Reſcue. If Fornication is to be ſcandalous, half the fine Things that have been writ by moſt of the Wits of the laſt Age may be burnt by the common Hangman. Harkee, Mr. SPEC, do not be queer; after having done ſome Things pretty well, don't begin to write at that rate that no Gentleman can read thee. Be true to Love, and burn your *Seneca*. You do not expect me to write my Name from hence, but I am

Your unknown humble, &c.

Saturday,

N° 183. *Saturday, September 29.*

Ἴδμεν ψεύδεα πολλὰ λέγειν ἐτύμοισιν ὁμοῖα,
Ἴδμεν δ' εὖτ' ἐθέλωμεν, ἀληθέα μυθήσασθαι. Hes.

FABLES were the first Pieces of Wit that made their Appearance in the World, and have been still highly valued, not only in Times of the greatest Simplicity, but among the most polite Ages of Mankind. *Jotham*'s Fable of the Trees is the oldest that is extant, and as beautiful as any which have been made since that Time. *Nathan*'s Fable of the poor Man and his Lamb is likewise more ancient than any that is extant, besides the above-mentioned, and had so good an Effect, as to convey Instruction to the Ear of a King without offending it, and to bring the Man after God's own Heart to a right Sense of his Guilt and his Duty. We find *Æsop* in the most distant Ages of *Greece*; and if we look into the very Beginning of the Common-wealth of *Rome*, we see a Mutiny among the Common People appeased by a Fable of the Belly and the Limbs, which was indeed very proper to gain the Attention of an incensed Rabble, at a Time when perhaps they would have torn to Pieces any Man who had preached the same Doctrine to them in an open and direct Manner. As Fables took their Birth in the very Infancy of Learning, they never flourished more than when Learning was at its greatest Height. To justify this Assertion, I shall put my Reader in Mind of *Horace*, the greatest Wit and Critick in the Augustan Age; and of *Boileau*, the most correct Poet among the Moderns: Not to mention *la Fontaine*, who by this Way of Writing is come more into Vogue than any other Author of our Times.

THE Fables I have here mentioned are raised altogether upon Brutes and Vegetables, with some of

of our own Species mixt among them, when the Moral hath ſo required. But beſides this Kind of Fable, there is another in which the Actors are Paſſions, Virtues, Vices, and other imaginary Perſons of the like Nature. Some of the Ancient Criticks will have it, that the Iliad and Odyſſey of *Homer* are Fables of this Nature; and that the ſeveral Names of Gods and Heroes are nothing elſe but the Affections of the Mind in a viſible Shape and Character. Thus they tell us, that *Achilles*, in the firſt Iliad, repreſents Anger, or the Iraſcible part of Human Nature. That upon drawing his Sword againſt his Superior in a full Aſſembly, *Pallas* is only another Name for Reaſon, which checks and adviſes him upon that Occaſion; and at her firſt Appearance touches him upon the Head, that Part of the Man being looked upon as the Seat of Reaſon. And thus of the reſt of the Poem. As for the Odyſſey, I think it is plain that *Horace* conſidered it as one of theſe Allegorical Fables, by the Moral which he has given us of ſeveral Parts of it. The greateſt *Italian* Wits have applied themſelves to the Writing of this latter Kind of Fables: As *Spencer*'s *Fairy-Queen* is one continued Series of them from the Beginning to the End of that admirable Work. If we look into the fineſt Proſe-Authors of Antiquity, ſuch as *Cicero*, *Plato*, *Xenophon*, and many others, we ſhall find that this was likewiſe their Favourite Kind of Fable. I ſhall only further obſerve upon it, that the firſt of this Sort that made any conſiderable Figure in the World, was that of *Hercules* meeting with Pleaſure and Virtue; which was invented by *Prodicus*, who lived before *Socrates*, and in the firſt Dawnings of Philoſophy. He uſed to travel through *Greece* by vertue of this Fable, which procured him a kind Reception in all the Market Towns, where he never

ver failed telling it as ſoon as he had gathered a Audience about him.

AFTER this ſhort Preface, which I have mad up of ſuch Materials as my Memory does at pr ſent ſuggeſt to me, before I preſent my Reade with a Fable of this Kind, which I deſign as th Entertainment of the preſent Paper, I muſt in a few Words open the Occaſion of it.

IN the Account which *Plato* gives us of th Converſation and Behaviour of *Socrates*, the Morn ing he was to die, he tells the following Circum ſtance.

WHEN *Socrates* his Fetters were knocked o (as was uſual to be done on the Day that the con demned Perſon was to be executed) being ſeate in the midſt of his Diſciples, and laying one of hi Legs over the other, in a very unconcerned Poſture, he began to rub it where it had been galled by th Iron; and whether it was to ſhew the Indifferenc with which he entertained the Thoughts of his ap proaching Death, or (after his uſual Manner) to take every Occaſion of Philoſophizing upon ſom uſeful Subject, he obſerved the Pleaſure of that Senſation which now aroſe in thoſe very Parts o his Leg, that juſt before had been ſo much pained by the Fetter. Upon this he reflected on the Na ture of Pleaſure and Pain in general, and how con ſtantly they ſucceed one another. To this he ad ded, That if a Man of a good Genius for a Fable, were to repreſent the Nature of Pleaſure and Pain in that Way of Writing, he would probably join them together after ſuch a manner, that it would be impoſſible for the one to come into any Place without being followed by the other.

IT is poſſible, that if *Plato* had thought it proper at ſuch a Time to deſcribe *Socrates* launching out into a Diſcourſe which was not of a Piece with the Buſineſs of the Day, he would have enlarged upon

upon this Hint, and have drawn it out into ſome beautiful Allegory or Fable. But ſince he has not done it, I ſhall attempt to write one my ſelf in the Spirit of that Divine Author.

THERE were two Families which from the Beginning of the World were as oppoſite to each other as Light and Darkneſs. The one of them lived in Heaven, and the other in Hell. The youngeſt Deſcendant of the firſt Family was Pleaſure, who was the Daughter of Happineſs, who was the Child of Virtue, who was the Offſpring of the Gods. Theſe, as I ſaid before, had their Habitation in Heaven. The youngeſt of the oppoſite Family was Pain, who was the Son of Miſery, who was the Child of Vice, who was the Offſpring of the Furies. The Habitation of this Race of Beings was in Hell.

THE middle Station of Nature between theſe two oppoſite Extreams was the Earth, which was inhabited by Creatures of a middle Kind, neither ſo Virtuous as the one, nor ſo Vicious as the other, but partaking of the good and bad Qualities of theſe two oppoſite Families. Jupiter *conſidering that this Species, commonly called Man, was too virtuous to be miſerable, and too vicious to be happy; that he might make a Diſtinction between the Good and the Bad, ordered the two youngeſt of the above-mentioned Families, Pleaſure who was the Daughter of Happineſs, and Pain who was the Son of Miſery, to meet one another upon this Part of Nature which lay in the half Way between them, having promiſed to ſettle it upon both, provided they could agree upon the Diviſion of it, ſo as to ſhare Mankind between them.*

PLEASURE and Pain were no ſooner met on their new Habitation, but they immediately agreed upon this Point, that Pleaſure ſhould take Poſſeſſion of the Virtuous, and Pain of the Vicious Part of that Species which was given up to them. But upon examining

amining to which of them any Individual they met with belonged, they found each of them had a Right to him; for that, contrary to what they had ſeen in their old Places of Reſidence, there was no Perſon ſo Vicious who had not ſome Good in him, nor any Perſon ſo Virtuous who had not in him ſome Evil. The Truth of it is, they generally found upon Search, that in the moſt vicious Man Pleaſure might lay Claim to an hundredth Part, and that in the moſt virtuous Man Pain might come in for at leaſt two Thirds. This they ſaw would Occaſion endleſs Diſputes between them, unleſs they could come to ſome Accommodation. To this end there was a Marriage propoſed between them, and at length concluded: By this Means it is that we find Pleaſure and Pain are ſuch conſtant Yoke-fellows, and that they either make their Viſits together, or are never far aſunder. If Pain comes into an Heart, he is quickly followed by Pleaſure; and if Pleaſure enters, you may be ſure Pain is not far off.

BUT notwithſtanding this Marriage was very convenient for the two Parties, it did not ſeem to anſwer the Intention of Jupiter *in ſending them among Mankind. To remedy therefore this Inconvenience, it was ſtipulated between them by Article, and confirm'd by the Conſent of each Family, that notwithſtanding they here poſſeſſed the Species indifferently; upon the Death of every ſingle Perſon, if he was found to have in him a certain Proportion of Evil, he ſhould be diſpatched into the infernal Regions by a Paſſport from Pain, there to dwell with Miſery, Vice and the Furies. Or on the contrary, if he had in him a certain Proportion of Good, he ſhould be diſpatched into Heaven by a Paſſport from Pleaſure, there to dwell with Happineſs, Virtue and the Gods.* L

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Monday,

N°. 184. *Monday, October* 1.

—Opere in longo fas eſt obrepere ſomnum. Hor.

WHEN a Man has diſcovered a new Vein of Humour, it often carries him much further than he expected from it. My Correſpondents take the Hint I give them, and purſue it into Speculations which I never thought of at my firſt ſtarting it. This has been the Fate of my Paper on the Match of Grinning, which has already produced a ſecond Paper on parallel Subjects, and brought me the following Letter by the laſt Poſt. I ſhall not premiſe any thing to it further, than that it is built on Matter of Fact, and is as Follows.

SIR,

'YOU have already obliged the World with a Diſcourſe upon Grinning, and have ſince proceeded to Whiſtling, from whence you at length came to Yawning; from this, I think, you may make a very natural Tranſition to Sleeping. I therefore recommend to you for the Subject of a Paper the following Advertiſement, which about two Months ago was given into every Body's Hands, and may be ſeen with ſome Additions in the *Daily Courant* of *Auguſt* the Ninth.

'NICHOLAS HART, *who ſlept laſt Year in St.* Bartholomew's *Hoſpital, intends to ſleep this Year at the* Cock and Bottle *in* Little Britain.

'HAVING ſince enquired into the Matter of Fact, I find that the above-mentioned *Nicholas Hart* is every Year ſeized with a periodical Fit of Sleeping, which begins upon the Fifth of *Auguſt*, and ends on the Eleventh of the ſame Month: That,

'On the Firſt of that Month, he grew dull;
'On the ſecond, appeared drowſy;
'On the Third, fell a yawning;
'On the Fourth, began to nod;
'On the Fifth, dropped aſleep;
'On the Sixth, was heard to ſnore;
'On the Seventh, turned himſelf in his Bed;
'On the Eighth, recovered his former Poſture;
'On the Ninth, fell a ſtretching;
'On the Tenth about Midnight, awaked;
'On the Eleventh in the Morning, called for a
'little Small-Beer.

'THIS Account I have extracted out of the 'Journal of this ſleeping Worthy, as it has been 'faithfully kept by a Gentleman of *Lincolns-Inn* 'who has undertaken to be his Hiſtoriographer. I 'have ſent it to you, not only as it repreſents the 'Actions of *Nicholas Hart*, but as it ſeems a very 'natural Picture of the Life of many an honeſt '*Engliſh* Gentleman, whoſe whole Hiſtory very 'often conſiſts of Yawning, Nodding, Stretching, 'Turning, Sleeping, Drinking, and the like ex'traordinary Particulars. I do not queſtion, Sir, 'that if you pleaſed, you could put out an Adver'tiſement not unlike the above-mentioned of ſe'veral Men of Figure; that Mr. *John* ſuch a one, 'Gentleman, or *Thomas* ſuch a one, Eſquire, who 'ſlept in the Country laſt Summer, intends to 'ſleep in Town this Winter. The worſt of it is, 'that the drowſy Part of our Species is chiefly 'made up of very honeſt Gentlemen, who live 'quietly among their Neighbours, without ever 'diſturbing the publick Peace: They are Drones 'without Stings. I could heartily wiſh, that ſeve'ral turbulent, reſtleſs, ambitious Spirits, would 'for a while change Places with theſe good Men, 'and enter themſelves into *Nicholas Hart*'s Fra-

'ternity.

ternity. Could one but lay aſleep a few buſy Heads which I could name, from the firſt of *November* next to the firſt of *May* enſuing, I queſtion not but it would very much redound to the Quiet of particular Perſons, as well as to the Benefit of the Publick.

'BUT to return to *Nicholas Hart*: I believe, Sir, you will think it a very extraordinary Circumſtance for a Man to gain his Livelihood by Sleeping, and that Reſt ſhould procure a Man Suſtenance as well as Induſtry; yet ſo it is that *Nicholas* got laſt Year enough to ſupport himſelf for a Twelve-month. I am likewiſe informed that he has this Year had a very comfortable Nap. The Poets value themſelves very much for ſleeping on *Parnaſſus*, but I never heard they got a Groat by it: On the contrary our Friend *Nicholas* gets more by ſleeping than he could by working, and may be more properly ſaid, than ever *Homer* was, to have had Golden Dreams. *Juvenal* indeed mentions a drowſy Husband who raiſed an Eſtate by ſnoring, but then he is repreſented to have ſlept what the common People call Dog's Sleep; or if his Sleep was real, his Wife was awake, and about her Buſineſs: Your Pen, which loves to moralize upon all Subjects, may raiſe ſomething, methinks, on this Circumſtance alſo, and point out to us thoſe Sets of Men who, inſtead of growing rich by an honeſt Induſtry, recommend themſelves to the Favours of the Great, by making themſelves agreeable Companions in the Participations of Luxury and Pleaſure.

'I muſt further acquaint you, Sir, that one of the moſt eminent Pens in *Grub-ſtreet* is now employed in writing the Dream of this miraculous Sleeper, which I hear will be of more than ordinary Length, as it muſt contain all the Par-

'ticulars that are ſuppoſed to have paſſed in his 'Imagination during ſo long a Sleep. He is ſaid to 'have gone already through three Days and three 'Nights of it, and to have compriſed in them the 'moſt remarkable Paſſages of the four firſt Em-'pires of the World. If he can keep free from 'Party-Strokes, his Work may be of Uſe; but this 'I much doubt, having been informed by one of 'his Friends and Confidents, that he has ſpoken 'ſome Things of *Nimrod* with too great Free-'dom. L

I am ever, Sir, &c.

N° 185. *Tueſday, October* 2.

——*Tantæne Animis cœleſtibus Iræ?* Virg.

THERE is nothing in which Men more deceive themſelves than in what the World calls Zeal. There are ſo many Paſſions which hide themſelves under it, and ſo many Miſchiefs ariſing from it, that ſome have gone ſo far as to ſay it would have been for the Benefit of Mankind if it had never been reckoned in the Catalogue of Virtues. It is certain, where it is once Laudable and Prudential, it is an hundred Times Criminal and Erroneous; nor can it be otherwiſe, if we conſider that it operates with equal Violence in all Religions, however oppoſite they may be to one another, and in all the Subdiviſions of each Religion in particular.

WE are told by ſome of the *Jewiſh Rabbins*, that the firſt Murder was occaſioned by a religious Controverſy; and if we had the whole Hiſtory of Zeal from the Days of *Cain* to our own Times, we ſhould ſee it filled with ſo many Scenes of Slaughter and Bloodſhed, as would make a wiſe Man very careful how he ſuffers himſelf to be actuated

actuated by ſuch a Principle, when it only regards Matters of Opinion and Speculation.

I would have every zealous Man examine his Heart throughly, and, I believe, he will often find, that what he calls a Zeal for his Religion, is either Pride, Intereſt, or Ill-nature. A Man who differs from another in Opinion, ſets himſelf above him in his own Judgment, and in ſeveral Particulars pretends to be the wiſer Perſon. This is a great Provocation to the proud Man, and gives a keen Edge to what he calls his Zeal. And that this is the Caſe very often, we may obſerve from the Behaviour of ſome of the moſt zealous for Orthodoxy, who have often great Friendſhips and Intimacies with vicious immoral Men, provided they do but agree with them in the ſame Scheme of Belief. The Reaſon is, Becauſe the vicious Believer gives the Precedency to the virtuous Man, and allows the good Chriſtian to be the worthier Perſon, at the ſame Time that he cannot come up to his Perfections. This we find exemplified in that trite Paſſage which we ſee quoted in almoſt every Syſtem of Ethicks, tho' upon another Occaſion;

——*Video meliora proboque,*
Deteriora ſequor—— Ov.

On the contrary, it is certain, if our Zeal were true and genuine, we ſhould be much more angry with a Sinner than a Heretick; ſince there are ſeveral Caſes which may excuſe the latter before his great Judge, but none which can excuſe the former.

INTEREST is likewiſe a great Inflamer, and ſets a Man on Perſecution under the Colour of Zeal. For this Reaſon we find none are ſo forward to promote the true Worſhip by Fire and Sword, as thoſe who find their preſent Account in it. But I ſhall extend the Word Intereſt to a

larger Meaning, than what is generally given it, as it relates to our ſpiritual Safety and Welfare, as well as to our Temporal. A Man is glad to gain Numbers on his Side, as they ſerve to ſtrengthen him in his private Opinions. Every Proſelyte is like a new Argument for the Eſtabliſhment of his Faith. It makes him believe that his Principles carry Conviction with them, and are the more likely to be true, when he finds they are conformable to the Reaſon of others, as well as his own. And that this Temper of Mind deludes a Man very often into an Opinion of his Zeal, may appear from the common Behaviour of the Atheiſt, who maintains and ſpreads his Opinions with as much Heat as thoſe who believe they do it only out of a Paſſion for God's Glory.

ILL-NATURE is another dreadful Imitator of Zeal. Many a good Man may have a natural Rancour and Malice in his Heart, which has been in ſome meaſure quelled and ſubdued by Religion; but if it finds any Pretence of breaking out, which does not ſeem to him inconſiſtent with the Duties of a Chriſtian, it throws off all Reſtraint, and rages in its full Fury. Zeal is therefore a great Eaſe to a malicious Man, by making him believe he doe God Service, whilſt he is gratifying the Bent of a perverſe revengeful Temper. For this Reaſon we find, that moſt of the Maſſacres and Devaſtations which have been in the World, have taken their Riſe from a furious pretended Zeal.

I love to ſee a Man zealous in a good Matter, and eſpecially when his Zeal ſhews it ſelf for advancing Morality, and promoting the Happineſs of Mankind: But when I find the Inſtruments he works with, are Racks and Gibbets, Gallies and Dungeons; when he impriſons Mens Perſons, confiſcates their Eſtates, ruins their Families, and burns the Body to ſave the Soul. I cannot ſtick to pro-

pronounce of ſuch a one, that (whatever he may think of his Faith and Religion) his Faith is vain, and his Religion unprofitable.

AFTER having treated of theſe falſe Zealots in Religion, I cannot forbear mentioning a monſtrous Species of Men, who one would not think had any Exiſtence in Nature, were they not to be met with in ordinary Converſation, I mean the Zealots in Atheiſm. One would fancy that theſe Men, tho' they fall ſhort in every other Reſpect, of thoſe who make a Profeſſion of Religion, would at leaſt out-ſhine them in this Particular, and be exempt from that ſingle Fault which ſeems to grow out of the imprudent Fervours of Religion: But ſo it is, that Infidelity is propagated with as much Fierceneſs and Contention, Wrath and Indignation, as if the Safety of Mankind depended upon it. There is ſomething ſo ridiculous and perverſe in this Kind of Zealots, that one does not know how to ſet them out in their proper Colours. They are a Sort of Gameſters who are eternally upon the Fret, though they play for Nothing. They are perpetually teizing their Friends to come over to them, though at the ſame Time they allow that neither of them ſhall get any Thing by the Bargain. In ſhort, the Zeal of ſpreading Atheiſm is, if poſſible, more abſurd than Atheiſm it ſelf.

SINCE I have mentioned this unaccountable Zeal which appears in Atheiſts and Infidels, I muſt further obſerve that they are likewiſe in a moſt particular manner poſſeſſed with the Spirit of Bigotry. They are wedded to Opinions full of Contradiction and Impoſſibility, and at the ſame time look upon the ſmalleſt Difficulty in an Article of Faith as a ſufficient Reaſon for rejecting it. Notions that fall in with the common Reaſon of Mankind, that are conformable to the Senſe of all Ages

ges and all Nations, not to mention their Tendency for promoting the Happineſs of Societies, or of particular Perſons, are exploded as Errors and Prejudices; and Schemes erected in their ſtead that are altogether monſtrous and irrational, and require the moſt extravagant Credulity to embrace them. I would fain aſk one of theſe bigotted Infidels, ſuppoſing all the great Points of Atheiſm, as the caſual or eternal Formation of the World, the Materiality of a thinking Subſtance, the Mortality of the Soul, the fortuitous Organization of the Body, the Motions and Gravitation of Matter, with the like Particulars, were laid together and formed into a kind of Creed, according to the Opinions of the moſt celebrated Atheiſts; I ſay, ſuppoſing ſuch a Creed as this were formed, and impoſed upon any one People in the World, whether it would not require an infinitely greater Meaſure of Faith, than any Set of Articles which they ſo violently oppoſe. Let me therefore adviſe this Generation of Wranglers, for their own and for the publick Good, to act at leaſt ſo conſiſtently with themſelves, as not to burn with Zeal for Irreligion, and with Bigotry for Nonſenſe. C

N° 186. *Wedneſday, October* 3.

Cœlum ipſum petimus ſtultitiâ——— Hor.

UPON my Return to my Lodgings laſt Night, I found a Letter from my worthy Friend the Clergy-man, whom I have given ſome Account of in my former Papers. He tells me in it that he was particularly pleaſed with the latter Part of my Yeſterday's Speculation; and at the ſame Time encloſed the following Eſſay, which he deſires me to publiſh as the Sequel of that Diſcourſe.

courſe. It conſiſts partly of uncommon Reflections, and partly of ſuch as have been already uſed, but now ſet in a ſtronger Light.

'A Believer may be excuſed by the moſt hardened Atheiſt for endeavouring to make him a Convert, becauſe he does it with an Eye to both their Intereſts. The Atheiſt is inexcuſable who tries to gain over a Believer, becauſe he does not propoſe the doing himſelf or Believer any Good by ſuch a Converſion.

'The Proſpect of a future State is the ſecret Comfort and Refreſhment of my Soul; it is that which makes Nature look gay about me; it doubles all my Pleaſures, and ſupports me under all my Affictions. I can look at Diſappointments and Misfortunes, Pain and Sickneſs, Death it ſelf, and, what is worſe than Death, the Loſs of thoſe who are deareſt to me, with Indifference, ſo long as I keep in view the Pleaſures of Eternity, and the State of Being in which there will be no Fears nor Apprehenſions, Pains nor Sorrows, Sickneſs nor Separation. Why will any Man be ſo impertinently officious, as to tell me all this is only Fancy and Deluſion? Is there any Merit in being the Meſſenger of ill News? If it is a Dream, let me enjoy it, ſince it makes me both the happier and better Man.

'I muſt confeſs I do not know how to truſt a Man who believes neither Heaven nor Hell, or in other Words, a future State of Rewards and Puniſhments. Not only natural Self-love, but Reaſon, directs us to promote our own Intereſt above all Things. It can never be for the Intereſt of a Believer to do me a Miſchief, becauſe he is ſure upon the Ballance of Accompts to find himſelf a Loſer by it. On the contrary, if he conſiders his own Welfare in his Behaviour to-

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'wards me, it will lead him to do me all the Good 'he can, and at the ſame Time reſtrain him from 'doing me an Injury. An Unbeliever does not 'act like a reaſonable Creature, if he favours me 'contrary to his preſent Intereſt, or does not di'ſtreſs me when it turns to his preſent Advantage. 'Honour and Good nature may indeed tie up his 'Hands; but as theſe would be very much ſtreng'thened by Reaſon and Principle, ſo without them 'they are only Inſtincts, or wavering unſettled 'Notions, which reſt on no Foundations.

'INFIDELITY has been attack'd with ſo good 'Succeſs of late Years, that it is driven out of all 'its Out-works. The Atheiſt has not found his 'Poſt tenable, and is therefore retired into Deiſm, 'and a Disbelief of revealed Religion only. But 'the Truth of it is, the greateſt Number of this 'Set of Men, are thoſe who, for want of a vir'tuous Education, or examining the Grounds of 'Religion, know ſo very little of the Matter in 'Queſtion, that their Infidelity is but another Term 'for their Ignorance.

'As Folly and Inconſiderateneſs are the Foun'dations of Infidelity, the great Pillars and Sup'ports of it are either a Vanity of appearing wiſer 'than the reſt of Mankind, or an Oſtentation of 'Courage in deſpiſing the Terrors of another 'World, which have ſo great an Influence on 'what they call weaker Minds; or an Averſion 'to a Belief that muſt cut them off from many of 'thoſe Pleaſures they propoſe to themſelves, and 'fill them with Remorſe for many of thoſe they 'have already taſted.

'THE great received Articles of the Chriſtian 'Religion, have been ſo clearly proved from the 'Authority of that Divine Revelation in which 'they are delivered, that it is impoſſible for thoſe 'who have Ears to hear and Eyes to ſee, not to

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be convinced of them. But were it poſſible for any thing in the Chriſtian Faith to be erroneous, I can find no ill Conſequences in adhering to it. The great Points of the Incarnation and Sufferings of our Saviour, produce naturally ſuch Habits of Virtue in the Mind of Man, that, I ſay, ſuppoſing it were poſſible for us to be miſtaken in them, the Infidel himſelf muſt at leaſt allow that no other Syſtem of Religion could ſo effectually contribute to the heightning of Morality. They give us great Ideas of the Dignity of humane Nature, and of the Love which the ſupream Being bears to his Creatures, and conſequently engage us in the higheſt Acts of Duty towards our Creator, our Neighbour, and our ſelves. How many noble Arguments has Saint *Paul* raiſed from the chief Articles of our Religion, for the advancing of Morality in its three great Branches? To give a ſingle Example in each Kind: What can be a ſtronger Motive to a firm Truſt and Reliance on the Mercies of our Maker, than the giving us his Son to ſuffer for us? What can make us love and eſteem even the moſt inconſiderable of Mankind, more than the Thought that Chriſt died for him? Or what diſpoſe us to a ſtricter Guard upon the Purity of our own Hearts, than our being Members of Chriſt, and a Part of the Society of which that immaculate Perſon is the Head? But theſe are only a Specimen of thoſe admirable Enforcements of Morality which the Apoſtle has drawn from the Hiſtory of our bleſſed Saviour.

'IF our modern Infidels conſidered theſe Matters with that Candour and Serioufneſs which they deſerve, we ſhould not ſee them act with ſuch a Spirit of Bitterneſs, Arrogance, and Malice: They would not be raiſing ſuch inſignificant Cavils, Doubts, and Scruples, as may be

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'ſtarted againſt every thing that is not capable of
'mathematical Demonſtration; in order to un-
'ſettle the Minds of the Ignorant, diſturb the pub-
'lick Peace, ſubvert Morality, and throw all
'Things into Confuſion and Diſorder. If none
'of theſe Reflections can have any Influence on
'them, there is one that perhaps may; becauſe it
'is adapted to their Vanity, by which they ſeem
'to be guided much more than their Reaſon. I
'would therefore have them conſider, that the
'wiſeſt and beſt of Men in all Ages of the World,
'have been thoſe who lived up to the Religion of
'their Country, when they ſaw nothing in it op-
'poſite to Morality, and to the beſt Lights they
'had of the Divine Nature. *Pythagoras*'s firſt Rule
'directs us to worſhip the Gods *as it is ordained*
'*by Law*, for that is the moſt natural Interpreta-
'tion of the Precept. *Socrates*, who was the moſt
'renowned among the Heathens both for Wiſ-
'dom and Virtue, in his laſt Moments deſires his
'Friends to offer a Cock to *Æſculapius*; doubtleſs
'out of a ſubmiſſive Deference to the eſtabliſh-
'ed Worſhip of his Country. *Xenophon* tells us,
'that his Prince (whom he ſets forth as a Pattern
'of Perfection) when he found his Death ap-
'proaching, offered Sacrifices on the Mountains
'to the *Perſian Jupiter*, and the Sun, *according*
'*to the Cuſtom of the Perſians*; for thoſe are the
'Words of the Hiſtorian. Nay, the *Epicureans*
'and Atomical Philoſophers ſhewed a very re-
'markable Modeſty in this Particular; for, though
'the Being of a God was entirely repugnant to
'their Schemes of natural Philoſophy, they con-
'tented themſelves with the Denial of a Provi-
'dence, aſſerting at the ſame Time the Exiſtence
'of Gods in general; becauſe they would not
'ſhock the common Belief of Mankind, and the
'Religion of their Country.

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Thurſday,

No 187. *Thurſday, October* 4.

——*Miſeri quibus*
Intentata nites—— Hor.

THE Intelligence given by this Correſpondent is ſo important and uſeful, in order to avoid the Perſons he ſpeaks of, that I ſhall inſert his Letter at length.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

I Do not know that you have ever touched upon a certain Species of Women, whom we ordinarily call Jilts. You cannot poſſibly go upon a more uſeful Work, than the Conſideration of theſe dangerous Animals. The Coquet is indeed one Degree towards the Jilt; but the Heart of the former is bent upon admiring her ſelf, and giving falſe Hopes to her Lovers; but the latter is not contented to be extreamly amiable, but ſhe muſt add to that Advantage a certain Delight in being a Torment to others. Thus when her Lover is in the full Expectation of Succeſs, the Jilt ſhall meet him with a ſudden Indifference, and Admiration in her Face at his being ſurprized that he is received like a Stranger, and a Caſt of her Head another Way with a pleaſant Scorn of the Fellow's Inſolence. It is very probable the Lover goes Home utterly aſtoniſhed and dejected, ſits down to his Scutore, ſends her word in the moſt abject Terms, That he knows not what he has done; that all which was deſireable in this Life is ſo ſuddenly vaniſhed from him, that the Charmer of his Soul ſhould withdraw the vital Heat from the Heart which pants for her. He continues a mournful Abſence for ſome time, pining in Secret, and out of Humour with all

'things which he meets with. At length he takes 'a Reſolution to try his Fate, and explain with her 'reſolutely upon her unaccountable Carriage. He 'walks up to her Apartment, with a thouſand In-'quietudes and Doubts in what Manner he ſhall 'meet the firſt Caſt of her Eye; when upon his firſt 'Appearance ſhe flies towards him, wonders where 'he has been, accuſes him of his Abſence, and 'treats him with a Familiarity as ſurprizing as her 'former Coldneſs. This good Correſpondence 'continues till the Lady obſerves the Lover grows 'happy in it, and then ſhe interrupts it with ſome 'new Inconſiſtency of Behaviour. For (as I juſt 'now ſaid) the Happineſs of a Jilt conſiſts only in 'the Power of making others uneaſy. But ſuch is 'the Folly of this Sect of Women, that they carry 'on this pretty ſkittiſh Behaviour, till they have no 'Charms left to render it ſupportable. *Corinna*, 'that uſed to torment all who converſed with her 'with falſe Glances, and little heedleſs unguarded 'Motions, that were to betray ſome Inclination 'towards the Man ſhe would enſnare, finds at pre-'ſent all ſhe attempts that Way unregarded; and 'is obliged to indulge the Jilt in her Conſtitution, 'by laying artificial Plots, writing perplexing Let-'ters from unknown Hands, and making all the 'young Fellows in Love with her, till they find 'out who ſhe is. Thus as before ſhe gave Torment 'by diſguiſing her Inclination, ſhe now is obliged 'to do it by hiding her Perſon.

'As for my own Part, Mr. SPECTATOR, it 'has been my unhappy Fate to be Jilted from my 'Youth upward; and as my Taſte has been very 'much towards Intrigue, and having Intelligence 'with Women of Wit, my whole Life has paſſed 'away in a Series of Impoſitions. I ſhall for the 'Benefit of the preſent Race of young Men, give 'ſome Account of my Loves. I know not whe-

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'ther you have ever heard of the famous Girl a-
'bout Town called *Kitty:* This Creature (for I
'muſt take Shame upon my ſelf) was my Miſtreſs
'in the Days when keeping was in Faſhion. *Kit-*
'*ty*, under the Appearance of being Wild, Thought-
'leſs, and Irregular in all her Words and Actions,
'concealed the moſt accompliſh'd Jilt of her Time.
'Her Negligence had to me a Charm in it like that
'of Chaſtity, and Want of Deſires ſeemed as great
'a Merit as the Conqueſt of them. The Air ſhe
'gave her ſelf was that of a Romping Girl, and
'whenever I talked to her with any Turn of Fond-
'neſs, ſhe would immediately ſnatch off my Perri-
'wig, try it upon her ſelf in the Glaſs, clap her Arms
'a Kimbow, draw my Sword, and make Paſſes
'on the Wall, take off my Cravat, and ſeize it to
'make ſome other Uſe of the Lace, or run into
'ſome other unaccountable Rompiſhneſs, till the
'Time I had appointed to paſs away with her was
'over: I went from her full of Pleaſure at the Re-
'flection that I had the keeping of ſo much Beau-
'ty in a Woman, who as ſhe was too heedleſs to
'pleaſe me, was alſo too unattentive to form a
'Deſign to wrong me. Long did I divert every
'Hour that hung heavy upon me in the Company
'of this Creature, whom I looked upon as neither
'Guilty nor Innocent, but could laugh at my ſelf
'for my unaccountable Pleaſure in an Expence
'upon her, till in the End it appeared my pretty
'Inſenſible was with Child by my Footman.

'THIS Accident rouſed me into a Diſdain a-
'gainſt all Libertine Women, under what Appear-
'ance ſoever they hid their Inſincerity, and I re-
'ſolved after that Time to converſe with none but
'thoſe who lived within the Rules of Decency and
'Honour. To this End, I formed my ſelf into a
'more regular Turn of Behaviour, and began to
'make Viſits, frequent Aſſemblies, and lead out

'Ladies from the Theatres, with all the other in-
'ſignificant Duties which the profeſſed Servants of
'the Fair place themſelves in a conſtant Readineſs
'to perform. In a very little time, (having a plen-
'tiful Fortune) Fathers and Mothers began to re-
'gard me as a good Match, and I found eaſie Ad-
'mittance into the beſt Families in Town to ob-
'ſerve their Daughters; but I, who was born to
'follow the Fair to no purpoſe, have by the Force
'of my ill Stars made my Application to three Jilts
'ſucceſſively.

'*HYÆNA* is one of thoſe who form themſelves
'into a melancholy and indolent Air, and endea-
'vour to gain Admirers from their Inattention to
'all around them. *Hyæna* can loll in her Coach,
'with ſomething ſo fixed in her Countenance, that
'it is impoſſible to conceive her Meditation is em-
'ployed only on her Dreſs and her Charms in that
'Poſture. If it were not too coarſe a Simile, I
'ſhould ſay *Hyæna*, in the Figure ſhe affects to ap-
'pear in, is a Spider in the Midſt of a Cobweb,
'that is ſure to deſtroy every Fly that approaches
'it. The Net *Hyæna* throws is ſo fine, that you
'are taken in it before you can obſerve any Part
'of her Work. I attempted her for a long and
'weary Seaſon, but I found her Paſſion went no
'further than to be admired; and ſhe is of that un-
'reaſonable Temper, as not to value the Incon-
'ſtancy of her Lovers, provided ſhe can boaſt ſhe
'once had their Addreſſes.

'*BIBLIS* was the ſecond I aimed at, and
'her Vanity lay in purchaſing the Adorers of others,
'and not in rejoycing in their Love it ſelf. *Biblis*
'is no Man's Miſtreſs, but every Woman's Rival.
'As ſoon as I found this, I fell in Love with *Chloe*
'who is my preſent Pleaſure and Torment. I have
'writ to her, danced with her, and fought for her,
'and have been her Man in the Sight and Expec-
'tation

'tation of the whole Town this three Years, and 'thought my ſelf near the End of my Wiſhes; 'when the other Day, ſhe called me into her Clo- 'ſet, and told me, with a very grave Face, that 'ſhe was a Woman of Honour, and ſcorned to 'deceive a Man who loved her with ſo much ſin- 'cerity as ſhe ſaw I did; and therefore ſhe muſt in- 'form me, that ſhe was by Nature the moſt in- 'conſtant Creature breathing, and begg'd of me 'not to marry her: If I inſiſted upon it, I ſhould; 'but that ſhe was lately fallen in Love with ano- 'ther. What to do or ſay I know not, but deſire 'you to inform me, and you will infinitely oblige,

SIR, Your moſt humble Servant,

Charles Yellow.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Sly, Haberdaſher of Hats, at the Corner of Devereux Court in the Strand, gives Notice, That he has prepared very neat Hats, Rubbers, and Bruſhes, for the Uſe of young Tradeſmen in their laſt Year of Apprenticeſhip, at reaſonable Rates. T

No. 188. *Friday, October 5.*

Lætus ſum Laudari à te Laudato viro. Tull.

HE is a very unhappy Man who ſets his Heart upon being admired by the Multitude, or affects a general and undiſtinguiſhed Applauſe among Men. What pious Men call the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience, ſhould be the Meaſure of our Ambition in this Kind; that is to ſay, a Man of Spirit ſhould contemn the Praiſe of the Ignorant, and like being applauded for nothing but what he knows in his own Heart he deſerves. Beſides which, the Character of the Perſon who commends you is to be conſidered, before you ſet a Value upon

his Eſteem. The Praiſe of an ignorant Man is only Good-will, and you ſhould receive his Kindneſs as he is a good Neighbour in Society, and not as a good Judge of your Actions in Point of Fame and Reputation. The Satyriſt ſaid very well of popular Praiſe and Acclamations, *Give the Tinkers and Coblers their Preſents again, and learn to live of your ſelf.* It is an Argument of a looſe and ungoverned Mind, to be affected with the promiſcuous Approbation of the Generality of Mankind; and a Man of Virtue ſhould be too delicate for ſo coarſe an Appetite of Fame. Men of Honour ſhould endeavour only to pleaſe the Worthy, and the Man of Merit ſhould deſire to be tried only by his Peers. I thought it a noble Sentiment which I heard Yeſterday uttered in Converſation; *I know*, ſaid a Gentleman, *a Way to be greater than any Man: If he has Worth in him, I can rejoyce in his Superiority to me; and that Satisfaction is a greater Act of the Soul in me, than any in him which can poſſibly appear to me.* This Thought could not proceed but from a candid and generous Spirit; and the Approbation of ſuch Minds is what may be eſteemed true Praiſe: For with the common Rate of Men, there is nothing commendable but what they themſelves may hope to be Partakers of or arrive at: But the Motive truly glorious is, when the Mind is ſet rather to do Things laudable than to purchaſe Reputation. Where there is that Sincerity as the Foundation of a good Name, the kind Opinion of virtuous Men will be an unſought but a neceſſary Conſequence. The *Lacedemonians*, tho' a plain People, and no Pretenders to Politeneſs, had a certain Delicacy in their Senſe of Glory, and ſacrificed to the Muſes when they entered upon any great Enterprize. They would have the Commemoration of their Actions be tranſmitted by the pureſt and moſt untainted Memorialiſts. The Din which attends

attends Victories and publick Triumphs is by far leſs eligible, than the Recital of the Actions of great Men by honeſt and wiſe Hiſtorians. It is a frivolous Pleaſure to be the Admiration of gaping Crouds; but to have the Approbation of a good Man in the cool Reflections of his Cloſet, is a Gratification worthy an heroick Spirit. The Applauſe of the Croud makes the Head giddy, but the Atteſtation of a reaſonable Man makes the Heart glad.

WHAT makes the Love of popular or general Praiſe ſtill more ridiculous, is, that it is uſually given for Circumſtances which are foreign to the Perſons admired. Thus they are the ordinary Attendants on Power and Riches, which may be taken out of one Man's Hands and put into another's. The Application only, and not the Poſſeſſion, makes thoſe outward things honourable. The Vulgar and Men of Senſe agree in admiring Men for having what they themſelves would rather be poſſeſſed of; the wiſe Man applauds him whom he thinks moſt virtuous, the reſt of the World him who is moſt wealthy.

WHEN a Man is in this Way of Thinking, I do not know what can occur to one more monſtrous, than to ſee Perſons of Ingenuity addreſs their Services and Performances to Men no way addicted to liberal Arts: In theſe Caſes, the Praiſe on one Hand, and the Patronage on the other, are equally the Objects of Ridicule. Dedications to ignorant Men, are as abſurd as any of the Speeches of *Bulfinch* in the Droll: Such an Addreſs one is apt to tranſlate into other Words; and when the different Parties are throughly conſidered, the Panegyrick generally implies no more than if the Author ſhould ſay to the Patron, My very good Lord, You and I can never underſtand one another, therefore I humbly deſire we may be intimate Friends for the future.

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THE Rich may as well ask to borrow of the Poor, as the Man of Virtue or Merit hope for Addition to his Character from any but ſuch as himſelf. He that commends another, engages ſo much of his own Reputation as he gives to that Perſon commended; and he that has nothing laudable in himſelf, is not of Ability to be ſuch a Surety. The wiſe *Phocion* was ſo ſenſible how dangerous it was to be touched with what the Multitude approved, that upon a general Acclamation made when he was making an Oration, he turned to an intelligent Friend who ſtood near him, and asked, in a ſurprized Manner, What Slip have I made?

I ſhall conclude this Paper with a Billet which has fallen into my Hands, and was written to a Lady from a Gentleman whom ſhe had highly commended. The Author of it had formerly been her Lover. When all Poſſibility of Commerce between them on the Subject of Love was cut off, ſhe ſpoke ſo handſomely of him, as to give Occaſion for this Letter.

Madam,

'I Should be inſenſible to a Stupidity, if I could 'forbear making you my Acknowledgments 'for your late Mention of me with ſo much Ap'plauſe. It is, I think, your Fate to give me new 'Sentiments; as you formerly inſpired me with 'the true Senſe of Love, ſo do you now with the 'true Senſe of Glory. As Deſire had the leaſt 'Part in the Paſſion I heretofore profeſſed towards 'you, ſo has Vanity no Share in the Glory to which 'you have now raiſed me. Innocence, Know'ledge, Beauty, Virtue, Sincerity, and Diſcreti'on are the conſtant Ornaments of her who ſaid 'this of me. Fame is a Babler, but I have arri'ved at the higheſt Glory in this World, the Com'mendation of the moſt deſerving Perſon in it.

T *Saturday*,

No 189. *Saturday, October 6.*

——— *Patriæ pietatis imago.* Virg.

THE following Letter being written to my Bookſeller, upon a Subject of which I treated ſome time ſince, I ſhall publiſh it in this Paper, together with the Letter that was incloſed in it.

Mr. *Buckley*,

MR SPECTATOR having of late deſcanted
' upon the Cruelty of Parents to their Children, I have been induced (at the Requeſt of ſeveral of Mr. SPECTATOR's Admirers) to incloſe this Letter, which I aſſure you is the Original from a Father to his own Son, notwithſtanding the latter gave but little or no Provocation. It would be wonderfully obliging to the World, if Mr. SPECTATOR would give his Opinion of it in ſome of his Speculations, and particularly to

(Mr. *Buckley*)

Your humble Servant.

SIRRAH,

'YOU are a ſawcy audacious Raſcal, and both
' Fool and Mad, and I care not a Farthing whether you comply or no; that does not raze out my Impreſſions of your Inſolence, going about railing at me, and the next Day to ſollicit my Favour: Theſe are Inconſiſtencies, ſuch as diſcover thy Reaſon depraved. To be brief, I never deſire to ſee your Face; and, Sirrah, if you go to the Work-houſe, it's no Diſgrace to me for you to be ſupported there; and if you ſtarve in the Streets, I'll never give any thing underhand in your Behalf. If I have any more of your ſcribbling Nonſenſe, I'll break your Head the firſt time

'time I ſet Sight on you. You are a ſtubborn
'Beaſt; is this your Gratitude for my giving you
'Money? You Rogue, I'll better your Judgment
'and give you a greater Senſe of your Duty to (
'regret to ſay) your Father, &c.

'*P. S.* It's Prudence for you to keep out of my
'Sight; for to reproach me, that Might overcomes
'Right, on the Outſide of your Letter, I ſhall give
'you a great Knock on the Skull for it.

WAS there ever ſuch an Image of Paternal Tenderneſs! It was uſual among ſome of the *Greeks* to make their Slaves drink to Exceſs, and then expoſe them to their Children, who by that means conceived an early Averſion to a Vice which makes Men appear ſo monſtrous and irrational. I have exposed this Picture of an unnatural Father with the ſame Intention, that its Deformity may deter others from its Reſemblance. If the Reader has a mind to ſee a Father of the ſame Stamp repreſented in the moſt exquiſite Stroaks of Humour, he may meet with it in one of the fineſt Comedies that ever appeared upon the *Engliſh* Stage. I mean the Part of Sir *Sampſon* in *Love for Love*.

I muſt not however engage my ſelf blindly on the Side of the Son, to whom the fond Letter above-written was directed. His Father calls him a *ſawcy and audacious Raſcal* in the firſt Line, and I am afraid upon Examination he will prove but an ungracious Youth. *To go about railing* at his Father, and to find no other Place but *the Outſide of his Letter* to tell him *that Might overcomes Right*, if it does not diſcover *his Reaſon to be depraved* and *that he is either Fool or Mad*, as the Cholerick old Gentleman tells him, we may at leaſt allow that the Father will do very well in endeavouring to *better his Judgment, and give him a greater Senſe of his Duty*. But whether this may be brought about by

breaking his Head, or giving him a great Knock on the Skull, ought I think to be well conſidered. Upon the whole, I wiſh the Father has not met with his Match, and that he may not be as equally paired with a Son, as the Mother in *Virgil.*

——Crudelis tu quoque mater :
Crudelis mater magis an puer improbus ille ?
Improbus ille puer, crudelis tu quoque mater.

Or like the Crow and her Egg in the *Grek* Proverb,

Κακὴ κόραξ κακὸν ὠόν.

I muſt here take Notice of a Letter which I have received from an unknown Correſpondent, upon the Subject of my Paper, upon which the foregoing Letter is likewiſe founded. The Writer of it ſeems very much concerned leſt that Paper ſhould ſeem to give Encouragement to the Diſobedience of Children towards their Parents; but if the Writer of it will take the Pains to read it over again attentively, I dare ſay his Apprehenſion will vaniſh. Pardon and Reconciliation are all the Penitent Daughter requeſts, and all that I contend for in her Behalf; and in this Caſe I may uſe the Saying of an eminent Wit, who upon ſome great Mens preſſing him to forgive his Daughter who had married againſt his Conſent, told them he could refuſe nothing to their Inſtances, but that he would have them remember there was Difference between *Giving* and *Forgiving.*

I muſt confeſs, in all Controverſies between Parents and their Children, I am naturally prejudiced in favour of the former. The Obligations on that Side can never be acquitted, and I think it is one of the greateſt Reflections upon humane Nature, that Paternal Inſtinct ſhould be a ſtronger Motive to Love than Filial Gratitude; that the receiving of Favours ſhould be a leſs Inducement to Good-will, Tenderneſs and Commiſeration, than the confer-

conferring of them; and that the taking Care of of any Perſon ſhould endear the Child or Dependant more to the Parent or Benefactor, than the Parent or Benefactor to the Child or Dependant; yet ſo it happens, that for one cruel Parent, we meet with a thouſand undutiful Children. This is indeed wonderfully contrived (as I have formerly obſerved) for the Support of every living Species; but at the ſame Time that it ſhews the Wiſdom of the Creator, it diſcovers the Imperfection and Degeneracy of the Creature.

THE Obedience of Children to their Parents is the Baſis of all Government, and ſet forth as the Meaſure of that Obedience which we owe to thoſe whom Providence hath placed over us.

IT is Father *le Comte*, if I am not miſtaken, who tells us how Want of Duty in this Particular is puniſhed among the *Chineſe*, inſomuch that if a Son ſhould be known to kill or ſo much as to ſtrike his Father, not only the Criminal but his whole Family would be rooted out, nay the Inhabitants of the Place where he lived would be put to the Sword, nay the Place it ſelf would be razed to the Ground, and its Foundations ſown with Salt: For, ſay they, there muſt have been an utter Depravation of Manners in that Clan or Society of People, who could have bred up among them ſo horrible an Offender. To this I ſhall add a Paſſage out of the firſt Book of *Herodotus*. That Hiſtorian in his Account of the *Perſian* Cuſtoms and Religion tells us, it is their Opinion that no Man ever killed his Father, or that it is poſſible ſuch a Crime ſhould be in Nature; but that if any thing like it ſhould ever happen, they conclude that the reputed Son muſt have been Illegitimate, Suppoſititious, or begotten in Adultery. Their Opinion in this Particular ſhews ſufficiently

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what a Notion they muſt have had of Undutifulneſs in general. L

No. 190. *Monday, October* 8.

Servitus creſcit nova——— Hor.

SINCE I made ſome Reflections upon the general Negligence uſed in the Caſe of Regard toward Women, or, in other Words, ſince I talked of Wenching, I have had Epiſtles upon that Subject, which I ſhall, for the preſent Entertainment, inſert as they lye before me.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'AS your Speculations are not confined to any 'Part of Humane Life, but concern the Wicked as well as the Good, I muſt deſire your favourable Acceptance of what I, a poor ſtroling Girl about Town, have to ſay to you. I was told by a Roman-Catholick Gentleman who picked me up laſt Week, and who, I hope, is abſolved for what paſſed between us; I ſay, I was told by ſuch a Perſon, who endeavoured to convert me to his own Religion, that in Countries where Popery prevails, beſides the Advantage of licenſed Stews, there are large Endowments given for the *Incurabili*, I think he called them, ſuch as are paſt all Remedy, and are allow'd ſuch Maintenance and Support as to keep them without further Care till they expire. This Manner of Treating poor Sinners, has, methinks, great Humanity in it; and as you are a Perſon who pretend to carry your Reflections upon all Subjects, whatever occur to you, with Candour, and act above the Senſe of what Miſinterpretation you may meet with, I beg the Favour of you to lay before all the World the unhappy Condi-

'tion of us poor Vagrants, who are really in a 'Way of Labour inſtead of Idleneſs. There are 'Crouds of us whoſe Manner of Livelihood has 'long ceaſed to be pleaſing to us; and who would 'willingly lead a new Life, if the Rigour of the 'Virtuous did not for ever expel us from coming 'into the World again. As it now happens, to 'the eternal Infamy of the Male Sex, Falſhood 'among you is not reproachful, but Credulity in 'Women is infamous.

'Give me Leave, Sir, to give you my Hiſtory. 'You are to know that I am Daughter of a Man 'of good Reputation, Tenant to a Man of Qua- 'lity. The Heir of this great Houſe took it in his 'Head to caſt a favourable Eye upon me, and ſuc- 'ceeded. I do not pretend to ſay he promiſed me 'Marriage: I was not a Creature ſilly enough to 'be taken by ſo fooliſh a Story: But he ran away 'with me up to this Town, and introduced me 'to a grave Matron, with whom I boarded for a 'Day or two with great Gravity, and was not a 'little pleaſed with the Change of my Condition, 'from that of a Country Life to the fineſt Com- 'pany, as I believed, in the whole World. My 'humble Servant made me to underſtand that I 'ſhould be always kept in the plentiful Condition 'I then enjoyed; when after a very great Fond- 'neſs towards me, he one Day took his Leave of 'me for four or five Days. In the Evening of the 'ſame Day my good Landlady came to me, and 'obſerving me very penſive, began to comfort me, 'and with a Smile told me I muſt ſee the World. 'When I was deaf to all ſhe could ſay to divert 'me, ſhe began to tell me with a very frank Air 'that I muſt be treated as I ought, and not take 'theſe ſqueamiſh Humours upon me, for my 'Friend had left me to the Town; and, as their 'Phraſe is, ſhe expected I would ſee Company, or

'I muſt

I muſt be treated like what I had brought my ſelf to. This put me into a Fit of Crying: And I immediately, in a true Senſe of my Condition, threw my ſelf on the Floor, deploring my Fate, calling upon all that was good and ſacred to ſuccour me. While I was in all this Agony, I obſerved a decrepid old Fellow come into the Room, and looking with a Senſe of Pleaſure in his Face at all my Vehemence and Tranſport. In a Pauſe of my Diſtreſs I heard him ſay to the ſhameleſs old Woman who ſtood by me, She is certainly a new Face, or elſe ſhe acts it rarely. With that the Gentlewoman, who was making her Market of me, in all the Turn of my Perſon, the Heaves of my Paſſion, and the ſuitable Changes of my Poſture, took Occaſion to commend my Neck, my Shape, my Eyes, my Limbs. All this was accompanied with ſuch Speeches as you may have heard Horſe-Courſers make in the Sale of Nags, when they are warranted for their Soundneſs. You underſtand by this Time that I was left in a Brothel, and expoſed to the next Bidder that could purchaſe me of my Patroneſs. This is ſo much the Work of Hell; the Pleaſure in the Poſſeſſion of us Wenches, abates in Proportion to the Degrees we go beyond the Bounds of Innocence; and no Man is gratified, if there is nothing left for him to debauch. Well, Sir, my firſt Man, when I came upon the Town, was Sir *Jeoffry Foible*, who was extremely laviſh to me of his Money, and took ſuch a Fancy to me that he would have carried me off, if my Patroneſs would have taken any reaſonable Terms for me: But as he was old, his Covetouſneſs was his ſtrongeſt Paſſion, and poor I was ſoon left expoſed to be the common Refuſe of all the Rakes and Debauchees in Town. I cannot tell whether you will do me Juſtice or no, till I ſee

'whether you print this or not; otherwiſe, as I now 'live with *Sal*, I could give you a very juſt Ac- 'count of who and who is together in this Town. 'You perhaps won't believe it; but I know of 'one who pretends to be a very good Proteſtant 'who lies with a Roman-Catholick: But more of 'this hereafter, as you pleaſe me. There do come 'to our Houſe the greateſt Politicians of the Age, 'and *Sal* is more ſhrewd than any Body thinks: 'No Body can believe that ſuch wiſe Men could 'go to Baudy-houſes out of idle Purpoſes; I have 'heard them often talk of *Auguſtus Cæſar*, who 'had Intrigues with the Wives of Senators, not 'out of Wantonneſs but Stratagem.

'It is a thouſand Pities you ſhould be ſo ſevere- 'ly virtuous as I fear you are; otherwiſe, after 'one Viſit or two, you would ſoon underſtand 'that we Women of the Town are not ſuch uſe- 'leſs Correſpondents as you may imagine: You 'have undoubtedly heard that it was a Courteſan 'who diſcovered *Cataline*'s Conſpiracy. If you 'print this I'll tell you more; and am in the mean 'time, *SIR*,

Your moſt humble Servant,

REBECCA NETTLETOP.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am an idle young Woman that would work 'for my Livelihood, but that I am kept in 'ſuch a Manner as I cannot ſtir out. My Tyrant 'is an old jealous Fellow, who allows me no- 'thing to appear in. I have but one Shooe and 'one Slipper; no Head-dreſs, and no upper Pet- 'ticoat. As you ſet up for a Reformer, I deſire 'you would take me out of this wicked Way, 'and keep me your ſelf.

EVE AFTERDAY.

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Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am to complain to you of a Set of impertinent Coxcombs, who viſit the Apartments of us Women of the Town, only, as they call it, to ſee the World. I muſt confeſs to you, this to Men of Delicacy might have an Effect to cure them; but as they are ſtupid, noiſy, and drunken Fellows, it tends only to make Vice in themſelves, as they think, pleaſant and humorous, and at the ſame time nauſeous in us. I ſhall, Sir, hereafter from Time to Time give you the Names of theſe Wretches who pretend to enter our Houſes meerly as Spectators. Theſe Men think it Wit to uſe us ill: Pray tell them, however worthy we are of ſuch Treatment, it is unworthy them to be guilty of it towards us. Pray, Sir, take Notice of this, and pity the Oppreſſed: I wiſh we could add to it, the Innocent. T

No. 191. *Tueſday, October 9.*

——Ξλον ὄνειρον. Hom.

SOME ludicrous Schoolmen have put the Caſe, that if an Aſs were placed between two Bundles of Hay, which affected his Senſes equally on each ſide, and tempted him in the very ſame Degree, whether it would be poſſible for him to eat of either. They generally determine this Queſtion to the Diſadvantage of the Aſs, who they ſay would ſtarve in the Midſt of Plenty, as not having a ſingle Grain of Free-Will to determine him more to the one than to the other. The Bundle of Hay on either Side ſtriking his Sight and Smell in the ſame Proportion, would keep him in a perpetual Suſpence, like the two Magnets which Travellers have told us, are placed one of them in the Roof, and the other in the Floor of *Mahomet*'s Burying-Place at *Mecca*, and by that Means, ſay they, pull

the Impoſtor's Iron Coffin with ſuch an equal Attraction, that it hangs in the Air between both of them. As for the Aſs's Behaviour in ſuch nice Circumſtances, whether he would ſtarve ſooner than violate his Neutrality to the two Bundles of Hay, I ſhall not preſume to determine; but only take Notice of the Conduct of our own Species in the ſame Perplexity. When a Man has a Mind to venture his Money in a Lottery, every Figure of it appears equally alluring, and as likely to ſucceed as any of its Fellows. They all of them have the ſame Pretenſions to good Luck, ſtand upon the ſame Foot of Competition, and no manner of Reaſon can be given why a Man ſhould prefer one to the other before the Lottery is drawn. In this Caſe therefore Caprice very often acts in the Place of Reaſon, and forms to it ſelf ſome groundleſs imaginary Motive, where real and ſubſtantial ones are wanting. I know a well-meaning Man that is very well pleaſed to riſque his good Fortune upon the Number 1711, becauſe it is the Year of our Lord. I am acquainted with a Tacker that would give a good deal for the Number 134. On the contrary I have been told of a certain zealous Diſſenter who being a great Enemy to Popery, and believing that bad Men are the moſt fortunate in this World, will lay two to one on the Number 666 againſt any other Number, becauſe, ſays he, it is the Number of the Beaſt. Several would prefer the Number 12000 before any other, as it is the Number of the Pounds in the great Prize. In ſhort, ſome are pleaſed to find their own Age in their Number; ſome that they have got a Number which makes a pretty Appearance in the Cyphers; and others, becauſe it is the ſame Number that ſucceeded in the laſt Lottery. Each of theſe, upon no other Grounds, thinks he ſtands faireſt for

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the great Lot, and that he is poſſeſſed of what may not be improperly called the *Golden Number*.

THESE Principles of Election are the Paſtimes and Extravagances of Human Reaſon, which is of ſo buſie a Nature, that it will be exerting it ſelf in the meaneſt Trifles, and working even when it wants Materials. The wiſeſt of Men are ſometimes acted by ſuch unaccountable Motives as the Life of the Fool and the Superſtitious is guided by nothing elſe.

I am ſurprized that none of the Fortune-tellers, or, as the *French* call them, the *Diſeurs de bonne Avanture*, who publiſh their Bills in every Quarter of the Town, have turned our Lotteries to their Advantage: Did any of them ſet up for a Caſter of fortunate Figures, what might he not get by his pretended Diſcoveries and Predictions.

I remember among the Advertiſements in the *Poſt-Boy* of *September* the 27th, I was ſurprized to ſee the following one:

This is to give Notice, That ten Shillings over and above the Market Price, will be given for the Ticket in the 150000 l. *Lottery*, N° 132, *by Nath. Cliff at the Bible and Three Crowns in Cheapſide.*

THIS Advertiſement has given great Matter of Speculation to Coffee-houſe Theoriſts. Mr. *Cliff*'s Principles and Converſation have been canvaſſed upon this Occaſion, and various Conjectures made why he ſhould thus ſet his Heart upon N° 132. I have examined all the Powers in thoſe Numbers, broken them into Fractions, extracted the Square and Cube Root, divided and multiplied them all Ways, but could not arrive at the Secret till about three Days ago, when I received the following Letter from an unknown Hand, by which I find that Mr.

Mr. *Nathaniel Cliff* is only the Agent, and not the Principal, in this Advertiſement.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am the Perſon that lately advertiſed I would 'give ten Shillings more than the current Price 'for the Ticket N° 132, in the Lottery now 'drawing; which is a Secret I have communica- 'ted to ſome Friends, who rally me inceſſantly 'upon that Account. You muſt know I have but 'one Ticket, for which Reaſon, and a certain 'Dream I have lately had more than once, I was 'reſolved it ſhould be the Number I moſt appro- 'ved. I am ſo poſitive I have pitched upon the 'great Lot, that I could almoſt lay all I am worth 'of it. My Viſions are ſo frequent and ſtrong up- 'on this Occaſion, that I have not only poſſeſſed 'the Lot, but diſpoſed of the Money which in all 'Probability it will ſell for. This Morning, in 'particular, I ſet up an Equipage which I look up- 'on to be the gayeſt in the Town; the Liveries 'are very rich, but not gaudy. I ſhould be very 'glad to ſee a Speculation or two upon Lottery 'Subjects, in which you would oblige all People 'concerned, and in particular,

Your moſt humble Servant,

George Goſling.

P. S. 'Dear SPEC, if I get the 12000 Pound, 'I'll make thee a handſome Preſent.

AFTER having wiſhed my Correſpondent good Luck, and thanked him for his intended Kindneſs, I ſhall for this Time diſmiſs the Subject of the Lottery, and only obſerve that the greateſt Part of Mankind are in ſome Degree guilty of my Friend *Goſling*'s Extravagance. We are apt to rely upon future Proſpects, and become really expenſive while we are only rich in Poſſibility. We live up to our Expects-

Expectations, not to our Poſſeſſions, and make a Figure proportionable to what we may be, not what we are. We out-run our preſent Income, as not doubting to diſburſe our ſelves out of the Profits of ſome future Place, Project, or Reverſion that we have in view. It is through this Temper of Mind, which is ſo common among us, that we ſee Tradeſmen break, who have met with no Misfortunes in their Buſineſs; and Men of Eſtates reduced to Poverty, who have never ſuffered from Loſſes or Repairs, Tenants, Taxes, or Law-ſuits. In ſhort, it is this fooliſh ſanguine Temper, this depending upon contingent Futurities, that occaſions Romantick Generoſity, chimerical Grandeur, ſenſeleſs Oſtentation, and generally ends in Beggary and Ruin. The Man who will live above his preſent Circumſtances, is in great Danger of living in a little Time much beneath them, or, as the *Italian* Proverb runs, The Man who lives by Hope will die by Hunger.

IT ſhould be an indiſpenſible Rule in Life, to contract our Deſires to our preſent Condition, and, whatever may be our Expectations, to live within the Compaſs of what we actually poſſeſs. It will be Time enough to enjoy an Eſtate when it comes into our Hands; but if we anticipate our good Fortune, we ſhall loſe the Pleaſure of it when it arrives, and may poſſibly never poſſeſs what we have ſo fooliſhly counted upon. L

No 192. *Wedneſday, October* 10.

——Uno ore omnes omnia
Bona dicere, & Laudare fortunas meas,
Qui Gnatum haberem tali ingenio præditum.
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I Stood the other Day, and beheld a Father ſitting in the Middle of a Room with a large Family

mily of Children about him: and methought I could obſerve in his Countenance different Motions of Delight, as he turned his Eye towards the one and the other of them. The Man is a Perſon moderate in his Deſigns for their Preferment and Welfare; and as he has an eaſy Fortune, he is not ſollicitous to make a great one. His eldeſt Son is a Child of a very towardly Diſpoſition, and by as much as the Father Loves him, I dare ſay he never will be a Knave to improve his Fortune. I do not know any Man who has a juſter Reliſh of Life than the Perſon I am ſpeaking of, or keeps a better Guard againſt the Terror of Want or the Hopes of Gain. It is uſual, in a Croud of Children, for the Parent to name out of his own Flock all the great Officers of the Kingdom. There is ſomething ſo very ſurprizing in the Parts of a Child of a Man's own, that there is nothing too great to be expected from his Endowments. I know a good Woman who has but three Sons, and there is, ſhe ſays, nothing ſhe expects with more certainty, than that ſhe ſhall ſee one of them a Biſhop, the other a Judge, and the third a Court Phyſician. The Humour is, that any Thing which can happen to any Man's Child, is expected by every Man for his own: But my Friend whom I was going to ſpeak of, does not flatter himſelf with ſuch vain Expectations, but has his Eye more upon the Virtue and Diſpoſition of his Children, than their Advancement or Wealth. Good Habits are what will certainly improve a Man's Fortune and Reputation; but on the other Side, Affluence of Fortune will not as probably produce good Affections of the Mind.

IT is very natural for a Man of a kind Diſpoſition, to amuſe himſelf with the Promiſes his Imagination makes to him of the future Condition of his Children, and to repreſent to himſelf the Figure they ſhall bear in the World after he has left it. When his

his Proſpects of this Kind are agreeable, his Fondneſs gives as it were a longer Date to his own Life; and the Survivorſhip of a worthy Man in his Son, is a Pleaſure ſcarce inferior to the Hopes of the Continuance of his own Life. That Man is happy who can believe of his Son, that he will eſcape the Follies and Indiſcretions of which he himſelf was guilty, and purſue and improve every thing that was valuable in him. The Continuance of his Virtue is much more to be regarded than that of his Life; but it is the moſt lamentable of all Reflections, to think that the Heir of a Man's Fortune is ſuch a one as will be a Stranger to his Friends, alienated from the ſame Intereſts, and a Promoter of every thing which he himſelf diſapprov'd. An Eſtate in Poſſeſſion of ſuch a Succeſſor to a good Man, is worſe than laid waſte; and the Family of which he is the Head, is in a more deplorable Condition than that of being extinct.

WHEN I viſit the agreeable Seat of my honoured Friend *Ruricola*, and walk from Room to Room revolving many pleaſing Occurrences, and the Expreſſions of many juſt Sentiments I have heard him utter, and ſee the Booby his Heir in Pain while he is doing the Honours of his Houſe to the Friend of his Father, the Heavineſs it gives one is not to be expreſſed. Want of Genius is not to be imputed to any Man, but Want of Humanity is a Man's own Fault. The Son of *Ruricola* (whoſe Life was one continued Series of worthy Actions and Gentleman-like Inclinations) is the Companion of drunken Clowns, and knows no Senſe of Praiſe but in the Flattery he receives from his own Servants; his Pleaſures are mean and inordinate, his Language baſe and filthy, his Behaviour rough and abſurd. Is this Creature to be accounted the Succeſſor of a Man of Virtue, Wit, and Breeding? At the ſame time that I have this melan-

melancholy Proſpect at the Houſe where I miſs my old Friend, I can go to a Gentleman's not far off it, where he has a Daughter who is the Picture both of his Body and Mind, but both improved with the Beauty and Modeſty peculiar to her Sex. It is ſhe who ſupplies the Loſs of her Father to the World; ſhe, without his Name or Fortune, is a truer Memorial of him, than her Brother who ſucceeds him in both. Such an Off-pring as the eldeſt Son of my Friend, perpetuates his Father in the ſame manner as the Appearance of his Ghoſt would: it is indeed *Ruricola*, but it is *Ruricola* grown frightful.

I know not to what to attribute to the brutal Turn which this young Man has taken, except it may be to a certain Severity and Diſtance which his Father uſed towards him, and might, perhaps, having occaſioned a Diſlike to thoſe Modes of Life which were not made amiable to him by Freedom and Affability.

WE may promiſe our ſelves that no ſuch Excreſcence will appear in the Family of the *Cornelii* where the Father lives with his Sons like their eldeſt Brother, and the Sons converſe with him as if they did it for no other Reaſon but that he is the wiſeſt Man of their Acquaintance. As the *Cornelii* are eminent Traders, their good Correſpondence with each other is uſeful to all that know them as well as to themſelves: And their Friendſhip, Good-will, and kind Offices, are diſpoſed of jointly as well as their Fortune; ſo that no one ever obliged one of them, who had not the Obligation multiplied in Returns from them all.

IT is the moſt beautiful Object the Eyes of Man can behold, to ſee a Man of Worth and his Son live in an entire unreſerved Correſpondence. The mutual Kindneſs and Affection between them gives an inexpreſſible Satisfaction to all who know them. It is a ſublime Pleaſure which encreaſes by the Par-

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ticipation. It is as ſacred as Friendſhip, as pleaſurable as Love, and as joyful as Religion. This State of Mind does not only diſſipate Sorrow, which would be extream without it, but enlarges Pleaſures, which would otherwiſe be contemptible. The moſt indifferent Thing has its Force and Beauty when it is ſpoke by a kind Father, and an inſignificant Trifle has its Weight when offered by a dutiful Child. I know not how to expreſs it, but I think I may call it a tranſplanted Self-love. All the Enjoyments and Sufferings which a Man meets with are regarded only as they concern him in the Relation he has to another. A Man's very Honour receives a new Value to him, when he thinks that when he is in his Grave, it will be had in Remembrance that ſuch an Action was done by ſuch a one's Father. Such Conſiderations ſweeten the old Man's Evening, and his Soliloquy delights him when he can ſay to himſelf, No Man can tell my Child his Father was either unmerciful or unjuſt: My Son ſhall meet many a Man who ſhall ſay to him, I was obliged to thy Father, and be my Child a Friend to his Child for ever.

IT is not in the Power of all Men to leave illuſtrious Names or great Fortunes to their Poſterity, but they can very much conduce to their having Induſtry, Probity, Valour, and Juſtice: It is in every Man's Power to leave his Son the Honour of deſcending from a virtuous Man, and add the Bleſſings of Heaven to whatever he leaves him. I ſhall end this Rhapſody with a Letter to an excellent young Man of my Acquaintance, who has lately loſt a worthy Father.

Dear Sir,

'I Know no Part of Life more impertinent than 'the Office of adminiſtring Conſolation: I will not enter into it, for I cannot but applaud

'your Grief. The virtuous Principles you had 'from that excellent Man whom you have loſt, 'have wrought in you as they ought, to make a 'Youth of Three and Twenty incapable of Com- 'fort upon coming into Poſſeſſion of a great For- 'tune. I doubt not but you will honour his Me- 'mory by a modeſt Enjoyment of his Eſtate; and 'ſcorn to triumph over his Grave, by employing 'in Riot, Exceſs, and Debauchery, what he pur- 'chaſed with ſo much Induſtry, Prudence, and 'Wiſdom. This is the true Way to ſhew the 'Senſe you have of your Loſs, and to take away 'the Diſtreſs of others upon the Occaſion. You 'cannot recal your Father by your Grief, but you 'may revive him to his Friends by your Con- 'duct. T

N° 193. *Thurſday, October* 11.

——*Ingentem foribus domus alta ſuperbis*
Mane ſalutantum totis vomit ædibus undam. Virg.

WHEN we look round us, and behold the ſtrange Variety of Faces and Perſons which fill the Streets with Buſineſs and Hurry, it is no unpleaſant Amuſement to make Gueſſes at their different Purſuits, and judge by their Countenances what it is that ſo anxiouſly engages their preſent Attention. Of all this buſy Croud, there are none who would give a Man inclined to ſuch Inquiries better Diverſion for his Thoughts, than thoſe whom we call good Courtiers, and ſuch as are aſſiduous at the Levées of great Men. Theſe Worthies are got into a Habit of being ſervile with an Air, and enjoy a certain Vanity in being known for underſtanding how the World paſſes; in the Pleaſure of this they can riſe early, go abroad ſleek and well-dreſſed with no other Hope or Purpoſe but to make

a Bow to a Man in Court Favour, and be thought, by ſome inſignificant Smile of his, not a little engaged in his Intereſts and Fortunes. It is wondrous, that a Man can get over the natural Exiſtence and Poſſeſſion of his own Mind ſo far, as to take Delight either in paying or receiving ſuch cold and repeated Civilities. But what maintains the Humour is, that outward Show is what moſt Men purſue, rather than real Happineſs. Thus both the Idol and Idolater equally impoſe upon themſelves in pleaſing their Imaginations this way. But as there are very many of Her Majeſty's good Subjects who are extreamly uneaſy at their own Seats in the Country, where all from the Skies to the Centre of the Earth is their own, and have a mighty longing to ſhine in Courts, or be Partners in the Power of the World; I ſay, for the Benefit of theſe, and others who hanker after being in the Whiſper with great Men, and vexing their Neighbours with the Changes they would be capable of making in the Appearance at a Country Seſſions, it would not methinks be amiſs to give an Account of that Market for Preferment, a great Man's Levée.

FOR ought I know, this Commerce between the Mighty and their Slaves, very juſtly repreſented, might do ſo much Good, as to incline the Great to regard Buſineſs rather than Oſtentation; and make the Little know the Uſe of their Time too well, to ſpend it in vain Applications and Addreſſes.

THE famous Doctor in *Moorfields*, who gained ſo much Reputation for his Horary Predictions, is ſaid to have had in his Parlour different Ropes to little Bells, which hung in the Room above Stairs, where the Doctor thought fit to be oraculous. If a Girl had been deceived by her Lover, one Bell was pulled; and if a Peaſant had loſt a Cow, the Servant rung another. The Method was kept in Reſpect to all other Paſſions and Concerns, and

the skilful Waiter below ſifted the Enquirer, and gave the Doctor Notice accordingly. The Levée of a great Man is laid after the ſame Manner, and twenty Whiſpers, falſe Alarms, and private Intimations, paſs backward and forward, from the Porter, the Valet, and the Patron himſelf, before the gaping Crew, who are to pay their Court, are gathered together: When the Scene is ready, the Doors fly open and diſcover his Lordſhip.

THERE are ſeveral Ways of making this firſt Appearance: You may be either half dreſſed, and waſhing your ſelf, which is indeed the moſt ſtately; but this Way of Opening is peculiar to Military Men, in whom there is ſomething graceful in expoſing themſelves naked; but the Politicians, or Civil Officers, have uſually affected to be more reſerved, and preſerve a certain Chaſtity of Deportment. Whether it be Hieroglyphical or not, this Difference in the Military and Civil Liſt, I will not ſay; but have ever underſtood the Fact to be, that the cloſe Miniſter is buttoned up, and the brave Officer open-breaſted on theſe Occaſions.

HOWEVER that is, I humbly conceive the Buſineſs of a Levée is to receive the Acknowledgments of a Multitude, that a Man is Wiſe, Bounteous, Valiant and Powerful. When the firſt Shock of Eyes is made, it is wonderful to obſerve how much Submiſſion the Patron's Modeſty can bear, and how much Servitude the Client's Spirit can deſcend to. In the vaſt Multiplicity of Buſineſs, and the Croud about him, my Lord's Parts are uſually ſo great, that, to the Aſtoniſhment of the whole Aſſembly, he has ſomething to ſay to every Man there, and that ſo ſuitable to his Capacity, as any Man may judge that it is not without Talents that Men can arrive at great Employments. I have known a great Man ask a Flag-Officer, which way was the Wind, a Commander of Horſe the preſent Price of Oats, and

and a Stock-Jobber at what Diſcount ſuch a Fund was, with as much eaſe as if he had been bred to each of thoſe ſeveral Ways of Life. Now this is extreamly obliging; for at the ſame time that the Patron informs himſelf of Matters, he gives the Perſon of whom he enquires an Opportunity to exert himſelf. What adds to the Pomp of thoſe Interviews is, that it is perform'd with the greateſt Silence and Order imaginable. The Patron is uſually in the midſt of the Room, and ſome humble Perſon gives him a Whiſper, which his Lordſhip anſwers aloud, *It is well. Yes, I am of your Opinion. Pray inform your ſelf further, you may be ſure of my Part in it.* This happy Man is diſmiſſed, and my Lord can turn himſelf to a Buſineſs of a quite different Nature, and off-hand give as good an Anſwer as any great Man is obliged to. For the chief Point is to keep in Generals, and if there be any thing offered that's Particular, to be in haſte.

BUT we are now in the Height of the Affair, and my Lord's Creatures have all had their Whiſpers round to keep up the Farce of the Thing, and the Dumb Show is become more general. He caſts his Eye to that Corner, and there to Mr. ſuch-a-one: to the other, *and when did you come to Town?* And perhaps juſt before he nods to another; and enters with him, *but, Sir, I am glad to ſee you, now I think of it.* Each of thoſe are happy for the next four and twenty Hours; and thoſe who bow in Ranks undiſtinguiſhed, and by Dozens at a Time, think they have very good Proſpects if they may hope to arrive at ſuch Notices half a Year hence.

THE Satyriſt ſays there is ſeldom common Senſe in high Fortune; and one would think, to behold a Levée, that the Great were not only infatuated with their Station, but alſo that they believed all below were ſeized too; elſe how is it poſſible they could think of impoſing upon themſelves and others

in ſuch a degree, as to ſet up a Levée for any thing but a direct Farce? But ſuch is the Weakneſs of our Nature, that when Men are a little exalted in their Condition, they immediately conceive they have additional Senſes, and their Capacities enlarged not only above other Men, but above human Comprehenſion it ſelf. Thus is it ordinary to ſee a great Man attend one liſtning, bow to one at a Diſtance, and call to a third at the ſame inſtant. A Girl in new Ribbons is not more taken with her ſelf, nor does ſhe betray more apparent Coquetries than even a wiſe Man in ſuch a Circumſtance of Courtſhip. I do not know any thing that I ever thought ſo very diſtaſteful as the Affectation which is recorded of *Cæſar*, to wit, that he would dictate to three ſeveral Writers at the ſame time. This was an Ambition below the Greatneſs and Candour of his Mind. He indeed (if any Man had Pretenſions to greater Faculties than any other Mortal) was the Perſon; but ſuch a Way of acting is childiſh, and inconſiſtent with the Manner of our Being. And it appears from the very Nature of Things, that there cannot be any thing effectually diſpatched in the Diſtraction of a publick Levée; but the whole ſeems to be a Conſpiracy of a Set of Servile Slaves, to give up their own Liberty to take away their Patron's Underſtanding. T

N° 194. *Friday, October* 12.

——*Difficili bile tumet jecur.* Hor.

THE preſent Paper ſhall conſiſt of two Letters, which obſerve upon Faults that are eaſily cured both in Love and Friendſhip. In the latter, as far as it meerly regards Converſation, the Perſon who neglects viſiting an agreeable Friend is puniſhed in the very Tranſgreſſion; for a good Companion is not found in every Room we go in-

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to. But the Caſe of Love is of a more delicate Nature, and the Anxiety is inexpreſſible if every little Inſtance of Kindneſs is not reciprocal. There are Things in this Sort of Commerce which there are not Words to expreſs, and a Man may not poſſibly know how to repreſent, what yet may tear his Heart into ten thouſand Tortures. To be grave to a Man's Mirth, unattentive to his Diſcourſe, or to interrupt either with ſomething that argues a Diſinclination to be entertained by him, has in it ſomething ſo diſagreeable, that the utmoſt Steps which may be made in further Enmity cannot give greater Torment. The gay *Corinna*, who ſets up for an Indifference and becoming Heedleſneſs, gives her Husband all the Torment imaginable out of meer Inſolence, with this peculiar Vanity, that ſhe is to look as gay as a Maid in the Character of a Wife. It is no Matter what is the Reaſon of a Man's Grief, if it be heavy as it is. Her unhappy Man is convinced that ſhe means him no Diſhonour, but pines to Death becauſe ſhe will not have ſo much Deference to him as to avoid the Appearances of it. The Author of the following Letter is perplexed with an Injury that is in a Degree yet leſs criminal, and yet the Source of the utmoſt Unhappineſs.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Have read your Papers which relate to Jealou-
, ſie, and deſire your Advice in my Caſe,
'which you will ſay is not common. I have a
'Wife of whoſe Virtue I am not in the leaſt doubt-
'ful; yet I cannot be ſatisfied ſhe loves me, which
'gives me as great Uneaſineſs as being faulty the
'other Way would do. I know not whether I am
'not yet more miſerable than in that Caſe, for ſhe
'keeps Poſſeſſion of my Heart without the Return
'of hers. I would deſire your Obſervations upon
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'that Temper in ſome Women, who will no
'condeſcend to convince their Husbands of thei
'Innocence or their Love, but are wholly negli
'gent of what Reflections the poor Men make up
'on their Conduct (ſo they cannot call it crimi
'nal,) when at the ſame Time a little Tender
'neſs of Behaviour, or Regard to ſhew an Incli
'nation to pleaſe them, would make them entire
'ly at Eaſe. Do not ſuch Women deſerve all th
'Miſinterpretation which they neglect to avoid
'Or are they not in the actual Practice of Guilt, who
'care not whether they are thought guilty or not
'If my Wife does the moſt ordinary Thing, as vi
'ſiting her Siſter, or taking the Air with her Mo
'ther, it is always carried with the Air of a Se
'cret: Then ſhe will ſometimes tell a Thing o
'no Conſequence, as if it was only want of Me
'mory made her conceal it before; and this only
'to dally with my Anxiety. I have complained to
'her of this Behaviour in the gentleſt Terms ima
'ginable, and beſeeched her not to uſe him, who
'deſired only to live with her like an indulgen
'Friend, as the moſt moroſe and unſociable Huſ
'band in the World. It is no eaſy Matter to de
'ſcribe our Circumſtance, but it is miſerable with
'this Aggravation, That it might be eaſily mend
'ed, and yet no Remedy endeavoured. She reads
'you, and there is a Phraſe or two in this Letter
'which ſhe will know comes for me. If we en
'ter into an Explanation which may tend to our
'future Quiet by your Means, you ſhall have our
'joint Thanks; in the mean Time I am, (a
'much as I can in this ambiguous Condition be any
'Thing)

SIR,

Your humble Servant.

Mr

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'GIVE me Leave to make you a Preſent of a 'Character not yet deſcribed in your Papers, 'which is that of a Man who treats his Friend 'with the ſame odd Variety which a fantaſtical Fe-'male Tyrant practiſes towards her Lover. I have 'for ſome Time had a Friendſhip with one of thoſe 'mercurial Perſons: The Rogue I know loves 'me, yet takes Advantage of my Fondneſs for him 'to uſe me as he pleaſes. We are by Turns the 'beſt Friends, and the greateſt Strangers imagina-'ble: Sometimes you would think us inſeparable; 'at other Times he avoids me for a long time, 'yet neither he nor I know why. When we meet 'next by Chance, he is amazed he has not ſeen me, 'is impatient for an Appointment the ſame Even-'ing; and when I expect he ſhould have kept it, 'I have known him ſlip away to another Place; 'where he has ſate reading the News, when there 'is no Poſt; ſmoaking his Pipe, which he ſeldom 'cares for; and ſtaring about him in Company 'with whom he has had nothing to do, as if he 'wondered how he came there.

'THAT I may ſtate my Caſe to you the more 'fully, I ſhall tranſcribe ſome ſhort Minutes I have 'taken of him in my Almanack ſince laſt Spring; 'for you muſt know there are certain Seaſons of 'the Year, according to which, I will not ſay our 'Friendſhip, but the Enjoyment of it ariſes or falls; 'In *March* and *April* he was as various as the 'Weather: In *May* and part of *June* I found him 'the ſprightlieſt beſt-humoured Fellow in the 'World; in the Dog-days he was much upon the 'Indolent: in *September* very agreeable, but very 'buſy; and ſince the Glaſs fell laſt to changeable, 'he has made three Appointments with me, and 'broke them every one. However I have good 'Hopes of him this Winter, eſpecially if you will

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'lend me your Aſſiſtance to reform him, which
'will be a great Eaſe and Pleaſure to,

SIR,

October 9, 1711. *Your moſt humble Servant*

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N°. 195. *Saturday, October* 13.

Νήπιοι, οὐδ' ἴασιν ὅσῳ πλέον ἥμισυ παντός,
Οὐδ' ὅσον ἐν μαλάχῃτε ϗ ἀσφοδίλῳ μέγ' ὄνειαρ.

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THERE is a Story in the *Arabian Nights Tales* of a King who had long languiſhed under an ill Habit of Body, and had taken abundance of Remedies to no purpoſe. At length, ſays the Fable, a Phyſician cured him by the following Method. He took an hollow Ball of Wood, and filled it with ſeveral Drugs; after which he clos'd it up ſo artificially that nothing appear'd. He likewiſe took a Mall, and after having hollowed the Handle and that Part which ſtrikes the Ball, he encloſed in them ſeveral Drugs after the ſame Manner as in the Ball it ſelf. He then ordered the Sultan, who was his Patient, to exerciſe himſelf early in the Morning with theſe *rightly prepared* Inſtruments, till ſuch time as he ſhould ſweat. When, as the Story goes, the Vertue of the Medicaments perſpiring through the Wood, had ſo good an Influence on the Sultan's Conſtitution, that they cured him of an Indiſpoſition which all the Compoſitions he had taken inwardly had not been able to remove. This eaſtern Allegory is finely contrived to ſhew us how beneficial bodily Labour is to Health, and that Exerciſe is the moſt effectual Phyſick. I have deſcribed, in my Hundred and Fifteenth Paper, from the general Structure and Mechaniſm of an human Body

Body, how abſolutely neceſſary Exerciſe is for its Preſervation: I ſhall in this Place recommend another great Preſervative of Health, which in many Caſes produces the ſame Effects as Exerciſe, and may, in ſome Meaſure, ſupply its Place, where Opportunities of Exerciſe are wanting. The Preſervative I am ſpeaking of is Temperance, which has thoſe particular Advantages above all other Means of Health, that it may be practiſed by all Ranks and Conditions, at any Seaſon, or in any Place. It is a Kind of Regimen into which every Man may put himſelf, without Interruption to Buſineſs, Expence of Money, or Loſs of Time. If Exerciſe throws off all Superfluities, Temperance prevents them; if Exerciſe clears the Veſſels, Temperance neither ſatiates nor overſtrains them; if Exerciſe raiſes proper Ferments in the Humours, and promotes the Circulation of the Blood, Temperance gives Nature her full Play, and enables her to exert her ſelf in all her Force and Vigour; if Exerciſe diſſipates a growing Diſtemper, Temperance ſtarves it.

PHYSICK, for the moſt Part, is nothing elſe but the Subſtitute of Exerciſe or Temperance. Medicines are indeed abſolutely neceſſary in acute Diſtempers, that cannot wait the ſlow Operations of theſe two great Inſtruments of Health; but did Men live in an habitual Courſe of Exerciſe and Temperance, there would be but little Occaſion for them. Accordingly we find that thoſe Parts of the World are the moſt healthy, where they ſubſiſt by the Chace; and that Men lived longeſt when their Lives were employed in hunting, and when they had little Food beſides what they caught. Bliſtering, Cupping, Bleeding, are ſeldom of Uſe but to the Idle and intemperate; as all thoſe inward Applications which are ſo much in Practice among us, are for the moſt part nothing elſe but Expedients

dients to make Luxury conſiſtent with Health. The Apothecary is perpetually employed in countermining the Cook and the Vintner. It is ſaid of *Diogenes*, that meeting a young Man who was going to a Feaſt, he took him up in the Street and carried him home to his Friends, as one who was running into imminent Danger, had not he prevented him. What would that Philoſopher have ſaid, had he been preſent at the Gluttony of a modern Meal? Would not he have thought the Maſter of a Family mad, and have begged his Servants to tie down his Hands, had he ſeen him devour Fowl, Fiſh and Fleſh; ſwallow Oyl and Vinegar, Wines and Spices; throw down Sallads of twenty different Herbs, Sauces of an hundred Ingredients, Confections and Fruits of numberleſs Sweets and Flavours? What unnatural Motions and Counterferments muſt ſuch a Medly of Intemperance produce in the Body? For my Part, when I behold a faſhionable Table ſet out in all its Magnificence, I fancy that I ſee Gouts and Dropſies, Feavers and Lethargies, with other innumerable Diſtempers lying in Ambuſcade among the Diſhes.

NATURE delights in the moſt plain and ſimple Diet. Every Animal, but Man, keeps to one Diſh. Herbs are the Food of this Species, Fiſh of that, and Fleſh of a Third. Man falls upon every Thing that comes in his Way, not the ſmalleſt Fruit or Excreſcence of the Earth, ſcarce a Berry or a Muſhrome, can eſcape him.

IT is impoſſible to lay down any determinate Rule for Temperance, becauſe what is Luxury in one may be Temperance in another; but there are few that have lived any Time in the World, who are not Judges of their own Conſtitutions, ſo far as to know what Kinds and what Proportions of Food do beſt agree with them. Were I to conſi-

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der my Readers as my Patients, and to preſcribe ſuch a Kind of Temperance as is accommodated to all Perſons, and ſuch as is particularly ſuitable to our Climate and Way of Living, I would copy the following Rules of a very eminent Phyſician. Make your whole Repaſt out of one Diſh. If you indulge in a ſecond, avoid drinking any thing Strong 'till you have finiſhed your Meal; at the ſame time abſtain from all Sauces, or at leaſt ſuch as are not the moſt plain and ſimple. A Man could not well be guilty of Gluttony, if he ſtuck to theſe few obvious and eaſy Rules. In the firſt Caſe there would be no Variety of Taſtes to ſollicit his Palate, and occaſion Exceſs; nor in the ſecond any artificial Provocatives to relieve Satiety, and create a falſe Appetite. Were I to preſcribe a Rule for Drinking, it ſhould be form'd upon a Saying quoted by Sir *William Temple*; *the firſt Glaſs for my ſelf, the ſecond for my Friends, the third for good Humour, and the fourth for mine Enemies.* But becauſe it is impoſſible for one who lives in the World to diet himſelf always in ſo philoſophical a manner, I think every Man ſhould have his Days of Abſtinence, according as his Conſtitution will permit. Theſe are great Reliefs to Nature, as they qualify her for ſtruggling with Hunger and Thirſt, whenever any Diſtemper or Duty of Life may put her upon ſuch Difficulties; and at the ſame time give her an Opportunity of extricating her ſelf from her Oppreſſions, and recovering the ſeveral Tones and Springs of her diſtended Veſſels. Beſides that Abſtinence well timed often kills a Sickneſs in Embryo, and deſtroys the firſt Seeds of an Indiſpoſition. It is obſerv'd by two or three ancient Authors, that *Socrates*, notwithſtanding he lived in *Athens* during the great Plague, which has made ſo much Noiſe through all Ages and has been celebrated at different times

by ſuch eminent Hands; I ſay, notwithſtanding that he lived in the time of this devouring Peſtilence, he never caught the leaſt Infection, which thoſe Writers unanimouſly aſcribe to that uninterrupted Temperance which he always obſerved.

AND here I cannot but mention an Obſervation which I have often made, upon reading the Lives of the Philoſophers, and comparing 'em with any Series of Kings or great Men of the ſame Number. If we conſider theſe ancient Sages, a great Part of whoſe Philoſophy conſiſted in a temperate and abſtemious Courſe of Life, one would think the Life of a Philoſopher, and the Life of a Man were of two different Dates. For we find that the generality of theſe wiſe Men were nearer an hundred than ſixty Years of Age at the Time of their reſpective Deaths. But the moſt remarkable Inſtance of the Efficacy of Temperance towards the procuring of long Life, is what we meet with in a little Book publiſhed by *Lewis Cornaro* the *Venetian*; which I the rather mention, becauſe it is of undoubted Credit, as the late *Venetian* Ambaſſador, who was of the ſame Family, atteſted more than once in Converſation, when he reſided in *England*. *Cornaro*, who was the Author of the little Treatiſe I am mentioning, was of an infirm Conſtitution, till about forty, when by obſtinately perſiſting in an exact Courſe of Temperance, he recovered a perfect State of Health; inſomuch that at fourſcore he publiſhed his Book, which has been tranſlated into *Engliſh* under the Title of *Sure and certain Methods of attaining a long and healthy Life*. He lived to give a 3d or 4th Edition of it, and after having paſſed his hundredth Year, died without Pain or Agony, and like one who falls aſleep. The Treatiſe I mention has been taken notice of by ſeveral eminent Authors, and is written with ſuch a Spirit of Chearfulneſs, Religion, and good Senſe, as are the

the natural Concomitants of Temperance and Sobriety. The Mixture of the old Man in it is rather a Recommendation than a Diſcredit to it.

HAVING deſigned this Paper as the Sequel to that upon Exerciſe, I have not here conſidered Temperance as it is a Moral Virtue, which I ſhall make the Subject of a future Speculation, but only as it is the Means of Health. L

N°. 196. *Monday, October* 15.

Eſt Ulubris, animus ſi te non deficit æquus. Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THERE is a particular Fault which I have
' obſerved in moſt of the Moraliſts in all
' Ages, and that is, that they are always profeſſing
' themſelves, and teaching others to be happy.
' This State is not to be arrived at in this Life,
' therefore I would recommend to you to talk in
' an humbler Strain than your Predeceſſors have
' done, and inſtead of preſuming to be happy, in-
' ſtruct us only to be eaſy. The Thoughts of him
' who would be diſcreet, and aim at practicable
' things, ſhould turn upon allaying our Pain rather
' than promoting our Joy. Great Inquietude is to
' be avoided, but great Felicity is not to be attain-
' ed. The great Leſſon is Æquanimity, a Regu-
' larity of Spirit, which is a little above Chearful-
' neſs and below Mirth. Chearfulneſs is always
' to be ſupported if a Man is out of Pain, but
' Mirth to a prudent Man ſhould always be acci-
' dental: It ſhould naturally ariſe out of the Oc-
' caſion, and the Occaſion ſeldom be laid for it;
' for thoſe Tempers who want Mirth to be plea-
' ſed, are like the Conſtitutions which flag with-
' out the uſe of Brandy. Therefore, I ſay, let your
' Precept be, *Be eaſy*. That Mind is diſſolute and
' ungoverned, which muſt be hurried out of it ſelf

'by loud Laughter or Senſual Pleaſure, or elſe be
'wholly unactive.

'THERE are a Couple of old Fellows of my
'Acquaintance, who meet every Day and ſmoak
'a Pipe, and by their mutual Love to each other,
'tho' they have been Men of Buſineſs and Buſtle
'in the World, enjoy a greater Tranquillity than
'either could have worked himſelf into by any
'Chapter of *Seneca*. Indolence of Body and Mind,
'when we aim at no more, is very frequently en-
'joyed; but the very Enquiry after Happineſs has
'ſomething reſtleſs in it, which a Man who lives
'in a Series of temperate Meals, friendly Conver-
'ſations, and eaſy Slumbers, gives himſelf no
'Trouble about. While Men of Refinement are
'talking of Tranquillity, he poſſeſſes it.

'WHAT I would by theſe broken Expreſſions
'recommend to you, Mr. SPECTATOR, is,
'that you would ſpeak of the Way of Life, which
'plain Men may purſue, to fill up the Spaces of
'Time with Satisfaction. It is a lamentable Cir-
'cumſtance, that Wiſdom, or, as you call it, Phi-
'loſophy, ſhould furniſh Ideas only for the Lear-
'ned; and that a Man muſt be a Philoſopher to
'know to paſs away his Time agreeably. It would
'therefore be worth your Pains to place in an hand-
'ſome Light the Relations and Affinities among
'Men, which render their Converſation with each
'other ſo grateful, that the higheſt Talents give
'but an impotent Pleaſure in Compariſon with
'them. You may find Deſcriptions and Diſcour-
'ſes which will render the Fire-Side of an honeſt
'Artificer as entertaining as your own Club is to
'you. Good-nature has an endleſs Source of
'Pleaſure in it; and the Repreſentation of dome-
'ſtick Life, filled with its natural Gratifications
'(inſtead of neceſſary Vexations which are gene-
'rally

'rally inſiſted upon in the Writings of the Witty) 'will be a very good Office to Society.

'THE Viciſſitudes of Labour and Reſt in the 'lower Part of Mankind, make their Being paſs 'away with that Sort of Reliſh which we expreſs 'by the Word Comfort; and ſhould be treated of 'by you, who are a SPECTATOR, as well as 'ſuch Subjects which appear indeed more ſpecu-'lative, but are leſs inſtructive. In a Word, Sir, 'I would have you turn your Thoughts to the 'Advantage of ſuch as want you moſt; and ſhew 'that Simplicity, Innocence, Induſtry and Tem-'perance, are Arts which lead to Tranquillity, as 'much as Learning, Wiſdom, Knowledge, and 'Contemplation.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

T. B.

Hackney, the 12th of October.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am the young Woman whom you did ſo 'much Juſtice to ſome time ago, in acknow-'ledging that I am perfect Miſtreſs of the Fan, 'and uſe it with the utmoſt Knowledge and Dex-'terity. Indeed the World, as malicious as it is, 'will allow, that from an Hurry of Laughter I 'recollect my ſelf the moſt ſuddenly, make a Cur-'teſie, and let fall my Hands before me, cloſing 'my Fan at the ſame Inſtant, the beſt of any Wo-'man in *England*. I am not a little delighted that 'I have had your Notice and Approbation; and 'however other young Women may rally me out 'of Envy, I triumph in it, and demand a Place 'in your Friendſhip. You muſt therefore permit 'me to lay before you the preſent State of my

'Mind. I was reading your *Spectator* of the 9th
'Inſtant, and thought the Circumſtance of the
'Aſs divided between two Bundles of Hay which
'equally affected his Senſes, was a lively Repre-
'ſentation of my Condition: For you are to
'know that I am extremely enamoured with two
'young Gentlemen who at this Time pretend to
'me. One muſt hide nothing when one is asking
'Advice, therefore I will own to you, that I am
'very amorous and very covetous. My Lover
'*Will* is very rich, and my Lover *Tom* very hand-
'ſome. I can have either of them when I pleaſe;
'but when I debate the Queſtion in my own Mind
'I cannot take *Tom* for fear of loſing *Will*'s E-
'ſtate, nor enter upon *Will*'s Eſtate, and bid adieu
'to *Tom*'s Perſon. I am very young, and yet no
'one in the World, dear Sir, has the main Chance
'more in her Head than my ſelf. *Tom* is the gay-
'eſt, the blitheſt Creature! He dances well, is ve-
'ry civil, and diverting at all Hours and Seaſons.
'Oh he is the Joy of my Eyes! But then again
'*Will* is ſo very rich and careful of the Main.
'How many pretty Dreſſes does *Tom* appear in
'to charm me! But then it immediately occurs
'to me, that a Man of his Circumſtances is ſo
'much the poorer. Upon the whole, I have at
'laſt examined both theſe Deſires of Love and Av-
'varice, and upon ſtrictly weighing the Matter, I
'begin to think I ſhall be covetous longer than
'fond; therefore if you have nothing to ſay to the
'contrary, I ſhall take *Will*. Alas poor *Tom*!

Your humble Servant,

BIDDY LOVELESS.

Tueſday

N° 197. *Tueſday, October* 16.

Alter rixatur de lanâ ſæpe caprinâ;
Propugnat nugis armatus: ſcilicet, ut non
Sit mihi prima fides; & vere quod placet, ut non
Acriter elatrem, pretium ætas altera ſordet.
Ambigitur quid enim? Caſtor ſciat an Docilis plus;
Brundiſium Minucî melius via ducat, an Appî.
Hor.

EVERY Age a Man paſſes through, and Way of Life he engages in, has ſome particular Vice or Imperfection naturally cleaving to it, which it will require his niceſt Care to avoid. The ſeveral Weakneſſes to which Youth, Old Age, and Manhood are expoſed, have long ſince been ſet down by many both of the Poets and Philoſophers; but I do not remember to have met with any Author who has treated of thoſe ill Habits Men are ſubject to, not ſo much by reaſon of their different Ages and Tempers, as the particular Profeſſion or Buſineſs in which they were educated and brought up.

I am the more ſurprized to find this Subject ſo little touched on, ſince what I am here ſpeaking of is ſo apparent, as not to eſcape the moſt vulgar Obſervation. The Buſineſs Men are chiefly converſant in, does not only give a certain Caſt or Turn to their Minds, but is very often apparent in their outward Behaviour, and ſome of the moſt indifferent Actions of their Lives. It is this Air diffuſing it ſelf over the whole Man, which helps us to find out a Perſon at his firſt Appearance; ſo that the moſt careleſs Obſerver fancies he can ſcarce be miſtaken in the Carriage of a Seaman or the Gate of a Taylor.

THE liberal Arts, though they may poſſibly have leſs Effect on our external Mein and Behaviour, make

make ſo deep an Impreſſion on the Mind, as is very apt to bend it wholly one Way.

THE Mathematician will take little leſs than Demonſtration in the moſt common Diſcourſe, and the Schoolman is as great a Friend to Definitions and Syllogiſms. The Phyſician and Divine are often heard to dictate in private Companies with the ſame Authority which they exerciſe over their Patients and Diſciples; while the Lawyer is putting Caſes, and raiſing Matter for Diſputation out of every Thing that occurs.

I may poſſibly ſome Time or other animadvert more at large on the particular Fault each Profeſſion is moſt infected with; but ſhall at preſent wholly apply my ſelf to the Cure of what I laſt mentioned, namely, That Spirit of Strife and Contention in the Converſations of Gentlemen of the long Robe.

THIS is the more ordinary, becauſe theſe Gentlemen regarding Argument as their own proper Province, and very often making ready Money of it, think it unſafe to yield before Company. They are ſhewing in common Talk how zealouſly they could defend a Cauſe in Court, and therefore frequently forget to keep that Temper which is abſolutely requiſite to render Converſation pleaſant and inſtructive.

CAPTAIN SENTRY puſhes this Matter ſo far, that I have heard him ſay, *He has known but few Pleaders that were tolerable Company.*

THE Captain, who is a Man of good Senſe, but dry Converſation, was laſt Night giving me an Account of a Diſcourſe, in which he had lately been engaged with a young Wrangler in the Law. I was giving my Opinion, ſays the Captain, without apprehending any Debate that might ariſe from it, of a General's Behaviour in a Battel that was fought ſome Years before either the Templer or

or my ſelf were born. The young Lawyer immediately took me up, and by reaſoning above a Quarter of an Hour upon a Subject which I ſaw he underſtood nothing of, endeavoured to ſhew me that my Opinions were ill-grounded. Upon which, ſays the Captain, to avoid any further Conteſts, I told him, That truly I had not conſider'd thoſe ſeveral Arguments which he had brought againſt me, and that there might be a great deal in them. Ay, but ſays my Antagoniſt, who would not let me eſcape ſo, there are ſeveral Things to be urged in favour of your Opinion which you have omitted; and thereupon began to ſhine on the other Side of the Queſtion: Upon this, ſays the Captain, I came over to my firſt Sentiments, and entirely acquieſced in his Reaſons for my ſo doing. Upon which the Templer again recovered his former Poſture, and confuted both himſelf and me a third Time. In ſhort, ſays my Friend, I found he was reſolved to keep me at Sword's Length, and never let me cloſe with him, ſo that I had nothing left but to hold my Tongue, and give my Antagoniſt free Leave to ſmile at his Victories, who I found, like *Hudibras*, *could ſtill change Sides, and ſtill confute.*

FOR my own Part, I have ever regarded our Inns of Court as Nurſeries of Stateſmen and Lawgivers, which makes me often frequent that Part of the Town with great Pleaſure.

UPON my Calling in lately at one of the moſt noted *Temple* Coffee-houſes, I found the whole Room, which was full of young Students, divided into ſeveral Parties, each of which was deeply engaged in ſome Controverſy. The Management of the late Miniſtry was attacked and defended with great Vigour; and ſeveral Preliminaries to the Peace were propoſed by ſome, and rejected by others; the demoliſhing of *Dunkirk* was ſo eagerly

inſiſted

inſiſted on, and ſo warmly controverted, as had like to have produced a Challenge. In ſhort, I obſerved that the Deſire of Victory, whetted with the little Prejudices of Party and Intereſt, generally carried the Argument to ſuch an Height, as made the Diſputants inſenſibly conceive an Averſion toward each other, and part with the higheſt Diſſatisfaction on both Sides.

THE managing an Argument handſomely being ſo nice a Point, and what I have ſeen ſo very few excel in, I ſhall here ſet down a few Rules on that Head, which, among other Things, I gave in Writing to a young Kinſman of mine, who had made ſo great a Proficiency in the Law, that he began to plead in Company upon every Subject that was ſtarted.

HAVING the entire Manuſcript by me, I may, perhaps, from Time to Time, publiſh ſuch Parts of it as I ſhall think requiſite for the Inſtruction of the *Britiſh* Youth. What regards my preſent Purpoſe is as follows:

AVOID Diſputes as much as poſſible. In order to appear eaſy and well-bred in Converſation, you may aſſure your ſelf that it requires more Wit, as well as more good Humour, to improve than to contradict the Notions of another: But if you are at any Time obliged to enter on an Argument, give your Reaſons with the utmoſt Coolneſs and Modeſty, two Things which ſcarce ever fail of making an Impreſſion on the Hearers. Beſides, if you are neither dogmatical, nor ſhew either by your Actions or Words, that you are full of your ſelf, all will the more heartily rejoice at your Victory. Nay, ſhould you be pinched in your Argument, you may make your Retreat with a very good Grace: You were never poſitive, and are now glad to be better informed. This has made ſome approve the Socratical Way of Reaſoning,

where

where while you ſcarce affirm any Thing, you can hardly be caught in an Abſurdity, and tho' poſſibly you are endeavouring to bring over another to your Opinion, which is firmly fix'd, you ſeem only to deſire Information from him.

IN order to keep that Temper which it is ſo difficult, and yet ſo neceſſary to preſerve, you may pleaſe to conſider, that nothing can be more unjuſt or ridiculous, than to be angry with another becauſe he is not of your Opinion. The Intereſts, Education, and Means by which Men attain their Knowledge, are ſo very different, that it is impoſſible they ſhould all think alike; and he has at leaſt as much Reaſon to be angry with you, as you with him. Sometimes to keep your ſelf cool, it may be of Service to ask your ſelf fairly, What might have been your Opinion, had you all the Biaſſes of Education and Intereſt your Adverſary may poſſibly have? But if you contend for the Honour of Victory alone, you may lay down this as an infallible Maxim, That you cannot make a more falſe Step, or give your Antagoniſts a greater Advantage over you, than by falling into a Paſſion.

WHEN an Argument is over, how many weighty Reaſons does a Man recollect, which his Heat and Violence made him utterly forget?

IT is yet more abſurd to be angry with a Man becauſe he does not apprehend the Force of your Reaſons, or gives weak ones of his own. If you argue for Reputation, this makes your Victory the eaſier; he is certainly in all Reſpects an Object of your Pity, rather than Anger; and if he cannot comprehend what you do, you ought to thank Nature for her Favours, who has given you ſo much the clearer Underſtanding.

YOU may pleaſe to add this Conſideration, That among your Equals no one values your Anger, which only preys upon its Maſter; and perhaps you

you may find it not very conſiſtent either with Prudence or your Eaſe, to puniſh your ſelf whenever you meet with a Fool or a Knave.

LASTLY, If you propoſe to your ſelf the true End of Argument, which is Information, it may be a ſeaſonable Check to your Paſſion; for if you ſearch purely after Truth, 'twill be almoſt indifferent to you where you find it. I cannot in this Place omit an Obſervation which I have often made, namely, That nothing procures a Man more Eſteem and leſs Envy from the whole Company, than if he chuſes the Part of Moderator, without engaging directly on either Side in a Diſpute. This gives him the Character of Impartial, furniſhes him with an Opportunity of Sifting Things to the Bottom, ſhewing his Judgment, and of ſometimes making handſome Compliments to each of the contending Parties.

I ſhall cloſe this Subject with giving you one Caution: When you have gained a Victory, do not puſh it too far; 'tis ſufficient to let the Company and your Adverſary ſee 'tis in your Power, but that you are too generous to make uſe of it. X

N° 198. *Wedneſday, October* 17.

Cervi, luporum præda rapacium,
Sectamur ultro, quos opimus
Fallere & effugere eſt triumphus. Hor.

THERE is a Species of Women, whom I ſhall diſtinguiſh by the Name of Salamanders. Now a Salamander is a Kind of Heroine in Chaſtity, that treads upon Fire, and lives in the Midſt of Flames without being hurt. A Salamander knows no Diſtinction of Sex in thoſe ſhe converſes with, grows Familiar with a Stranger at firſt Sight, and is not ſo narrow-ſpirited as to obſerve whether the Perſon ſhe talks to, be in Breeches or in Petticoats. She

She admits a Male Viſitant to her Bed-ſide, plays with him a whole Afternoon at Pickette, walks with him two or three Hours by Moon-light; and is extreamly ſcandalized at the Unreaſonableneſs of an Husband, or the Severity of a Parent, that would debar the Sex from ſuch innocent Liberties. Your Salamander is therefore a perpetual Declaimer againſt Jealouſy, an Admirer of the *French* Good-breeding, and a great Stickler for Freedom in Converſation. In ſhort, the Salamander lives in an invincible State of Simplicity and Innocence: Her Conſtitution is *preſerv'd* in a Kind of natural Froſt; ſhe wonders what People mean by Temptations, and defies Mankind to do their worſt. Her Chaſtity is engaged in a conſtant *Ordeal*, or fiery Trial: (Like good Queen *Emma*) the pretty Innocent walks blindfold among burning Plow-ſhares, without being ſcorched or ſinged by them.

IT is not therefore for the Uſe of the Salamander, whether in a married or ſingle State of Life, that I deſign the following Paper; but for ſuch Females only as are made of Fleſh and Blood, and find themſelves ſubject to human Frailties.

AS for this Part of the fair Sex who are not of the Salamander Kind, I would moſt earneſtly adviſe them to obſerve a quite different Conduct in their Behaviour; and to avoid as much as poſſible what Religion calls *Temptations*, and the World *Opportunities*. Did they but know how many Thouſands of their Sex have been gradually betrayed from innocent Freedoms to Ruin and Infamy; and how many Millions of ours have begun with Flatteries, Proteſtations, and Endearments, but ended with Reproaches, Perjury, and Perfidiouſneſs; they would ſhun like Death the very firſt Approaches of one that might lead them into inextricable Labyrinths of Guilt and Miſery. I muſt ſo far give up the Cauſe of the Male World, as to

exhort the Female Sex in the Language of *Chamont* in the *Orphan*,

Truſt not a Man; we are by Nature Falſe,
Diſſembling, Subtle, Cruel, and Unconſtant:
When a Man talks of Love, with Caution truſt him;
But if he ſwears, he'll certainly deceive thee.

I might very much enlarge upon this Subject, but ſhall conclude it with a Story which I lately heard from one of our *Spaniſh* Officers, and which may ſhew the Danger a Woman incurs by too great Familiarities with a Male Companion.

AN Inhabitant of the Kingdom of *Caſtile*, being a Man of more than ordinary Prudence, and of a grave compoſed Behaviour, determined about the fiftieth Year of his Age to enter upon Wedlock. In order to make himſelf eaſy in it, he caſt his Eye upon a young Woman who had nothing to recommend her but her Beauty and her Education, her Parents having been reduced to great Poverty by the Wars, which for ſome Years have laid that whole Country waſte. The *Caſtilian* having made his Addreſſes to her and married her, they lived together in perfect Happineſs for ſome Time; when at length the Husband's Affairs made it neceſſary for him to take a Voyage to the Kingdom of *Naples*, where a great Part of his Eſtate lay. The Wife loved him too tenderly to be left behind him. They had not been a Shipboard above a Day, when they unluckily fell into the Hands of an *Algerine* Pirate, who carried the whole Company on Shore, and made them Slaves. The *Caſtilian* and his Wife had the Comfort to be under the ſame Maſter; who ſeeing how dearly they loved one another, and gaſped after their Liberty, demanded a moſt exorbitant Price for their Ranſom. The *Caſtilian*, though he would rather have died in Slavery himſelf, than have paid ſuch a Sum as he found would

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go near to ruin him, was ſo moved with Compaſſion towards his Wife, that he ſent repeated Orders to his Friend in *Spain*, (who happened to be his next Relation) to ſell his Eſtate, and tranſmit the Money to him. His Friend, hoping that the Terms of his Ranſom might be made more reaſonable, and unwilling to ſell an Eſtate which he himſelf had ſome Proſpect of inheriting, formed ſo many Delays, that three whole Years paſſed away without any Thing being done for the ſetting of them at Liberty.

THERE happened to live a *French* Renegado in the ſame Place where the *Caſtilian* and his Wife were kept Priſoners. As this Fellow had in him all the Vivacity of his Nation, he often entertained the Captives with Accounts of his own Adventures; to which he ſometimes added a Song or a Dance, or ſome other Piece of Mirth, to divert them during their Confinement. His Acquaintance with the Manners of the *Algerines* enabled him likewiſe to do them ſeveral good Offices. The *Caſtilian*, as he was one Day in Converſation with this Renegado, diſcovered to him the Negligence and Treachery of his Correſpondent in *Caſtile*, and at the ſame time asked his Advice how he ſhould behave himſelf in that Exigency: He further told the Renegado, that he found it would be impoſſible for him to raiſe the Money, unleſs he himſelf might go over to diſpoſe of his Eſtate. The Renegado, after having repreſented to him that his *Algerine* Maſter would never conſent to his Releaſe upon ſuch a Pretence, at length contrived a Method for the *Caſtilian* to make his Eſcape in the Habit of a Seaman. The *Caſtilian* ſucceeded in his Attempt; and having ſold his Eſtate, being affraid leſt the Money ſhould miſcarry by the Way, and determining to periſh with it rather than loſe one who was much dearer to him than his life, he returned

himſelf in a little Veſſel that was going to *Algiers*. It is impoſſible to deſcribe the Joy he felt upon this Occaſion, when he conſidered that he ſhould ſoon ſee the Wife whom he ſo much loved, and endear himſelf more to her by this uncommon Piece of Generoſity.

THE Renegado, during the Husband's Abſence, ſo inſinuated himſelf into the good Graces of his young Wife, and ſo turned her Head with Stories of Gallantry, that ſhe quickly thought him the fineſt Gentleman ſhe had ever converſed with. To be brief, her Mind was quite alienated from the honeſt *Caſtilian*, whom ſhe was taught to look upon as a formal old Fellow unworthy the Poſſeſſion of ſo charming a Creature. She had been inſtructed by the Renegado how to manage herſelf upon his Arrival; ſo that ſhe received him with an Appearance of the utmoſt Love and Gratitude, and at length perſuaded him to truſt their common Friend the Renegado with the Money he had brought over for their Ranſom; as not queſtioning but he would beat down the Terms of it, and negociate the Affair more to their Advantage than they themſelves could do. The good Man admired her Prudence, and followed her Advice. I wiſh I could conceal the Sequel of this Story, but ſince I cannot, I ſhall diſpatch it in as few Words as poſſible. The *Caſtilian* having ſlept longer than ordinary the next Morning, upon his awaking found his Wife had left him: He immediately roſe and enquired after her, but was told that ſhe was ſeen with the Renegado about Break of Day. In a Word, her Lover having got all things ready for their Departure, they ſoon made their Eſcape out of the Territories of *Algiers*, carried away the Money, and left the *Caſtilian* in Captivity; who partly through the cruel Treatment of the incenſed *Algerine* his Maſter, and partly through the unkind Uſage of his

his unfaithful Wife, died ſome few Months after.

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N°. 199. *Thurſday, October* 18.

——*Scribere juſſit amor.* Ovid.

THE following Letters are written with ſuch an Air of Sincerity, that I cannot deny the inſerting of them.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THO you are every where in your Writings 'a Friend to Women, I do not remember 'that you have directly conſidered the mercenary 'Practice of Men in the Choice of Wives If you 'would pleaſe to employ your Thoughts upon that 'Subject, you would eaſily conceive the miſerable Condition many of us are in, who not only 'from the Laws of Cuſtom and Modeſty are reſtrained from making any Advances toward our 'Wiſhes, but are alſo from the Circumſtance of 'Fortune, out of all Hope of being addreſſed to 'by thoſe whom we love. Under all theſe Diſadvantages I am obliged to apply my ſelf to you, 'and hope I ſhall prevail with you to print in your 'very next Paper the following Letter, which is 'a Declaration of Paſſion to one who has made 'ſome faint Addreſſes to me for ſome Time. I 'believe he ardently loves me, but the Inequality 'of my Fortune makes him think he cannot anſwer it to the World, if he purſues his Deſigns 'by Way of Marriage; and I believe as he does 'not want Diſcerning, he diſcovered me looking 'at him the other Day unawares, in ſuch a Manner as has raiſed his Hopes of gaining me on 'Terms the Men call eaſier. But my Heart is very full on this Occaſion, and if you know what 'Love and Honour are, you will pardon me tha

'I uſe no farther Arguments with you, but haſten
'to my Letter to him, whom I call *Oroondates*,
'becauſe if I do not ſucceed, it ſhall look like Ro-
'mance; and if I am regarded, you ſhall receive
'a Pair of Gloves at my Wedding, ſent to you
'under the Name of *Statira*.

To OROONDATES.

SIR,

'AFTER very much Perplexity in my ſelf
'and revolving how to acquaint you with
'my own Sentiments, and expoſtulate with you
'concerning yours, I have choſen this Way, by
'which means I can be at once revealed to you,
'or if you pleaſe, lie concealed. If I do not with-
'in few Days find the Effect which I hope from
'this, the whole Affair ſhall be buried in Oblivion.
'But, alas! what am I going to do, when I am
'about to tell you that I love you? But after I have
'done ſo, I am to aſſure you, that with all the
'Paſſion which ever entered a tender Heart, I know
'I can baniſh you from my Sight for ever, when
'I am convinced that you have no Inclinations to-
'wards me but to my Diſhonour. But, alas! Sir,
'why ſhould you ſacrifice the real and eſſential
'Happineſs of Life, to the Opinion of a World,
'that moves upon no other Foundation but pro-
'feſs'd Error and Prejudice? You all can obſerve
'that Riches do not alone make you happy, and
'yet give up every Thing elſe when it ſtands in
'Competition with Riches. Since the World is ſo
'bad, that Religion is left to us ſilly Women, and
'you Men Act generally upon Principles of Pro-
'fit and Pleaſure, I will talk to you without ar-
'guing from any Thing but what may be moſt to
'your Advantage, as a Man of the World. And
'I will lay before you the State of the Caſe, ſup-
'poſing that you had it in your Power to make me

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'your Miſtreſs, or your Wife, and hope to con-
'vince you that the latter is more for your Inte-
'reſt, and will contribute more to your Pleaſure.
'WE will ſuppoſe then the Scene was laid, and
'you were now in Expectation of the approach-
'ing Evening wherein I was to meet you, and be
'carried to what convenient Corner of the Town
'you thought fit, to conſummate all which your
'wanton Imagination has promiſed you in the Poſ-
'ſeſſion of one who is in the Bloom of Youth, and
'in the Reputation of Innocence: You would ſoon
'have enough of me, as I am Sprightly, Young,
'Gay, and Airy. When Fancy is ſated, and finds
'all the Promiſes it made to it ſelf falſe, where is
'now the Innocence which charmed you: The
'firſt Hour you are alone you will find that the
'Pleaſure of the Debauchée is only that of a De-
'ſtroyer: He blaſts all the Fruit he taſtes, and
'where the Brute has been devouring, there is no-
'thing left worthy the Reliſh of the Man. Reaſon
'reſumes her Place after Imagination is cloyed;
'and I am, with the utmoſt Diſtreſs and Confu-
'ſion to behold my ſelf the Cauſe of uneaſy Re-
'flections to you, to be viſited by Stealth, and dwell
'for the future with the two Companions (the moſt
'unfit for each other in the World) Solitude and
'Guilt. I will not inſiſt upon the ſhameful Ob-
'ſcurity we ſhould paſs our Time in, nor run o-
'ver the little ſhort Snatches of freſh Air and free
'Commerce which all People muſt be ſatisfied
'with, whoſe Actions will not bear Examination,
'but leave them to your Reflections, who have
'ſeen enough of that Life, of which I have but a
'meer Idea.
'ON the other Hand, if you can be ſo good and
'generous as to make me your Wife, you may
'promiſe your ſelf all the Obedience and Tender-
'neſs with which Gratitude can inſpire a virtuous
'Woman.

'Woman. Whatever Gratifications you may promiſe your ſelf from an agreeable Perſon, whatever Compliances from an eaſy Temper, whatever Conſolations from a ſincere Friendſhip, you may expect as the Due of your Generoſity. What at preſent in your ill View you promiſe your ſelf from me, will be followed by Diſtaſte and Satiety; but the Tranſports of a virtuous Love are the leaſt Part of its Happineſs. The Raptures of innocent Paſſion are but like Lightning to the Day, they rather interrupt than advance the Pleaſure of it. How happy then is that Life to be, where the higheſt Pleaſures of Senſe are but the lower Parts of its Felicity?

'Now am I to repeat to you the unnatural Requeſt of taking me in direct Terms. I know there ſtands between me and that Happineſs, the haughty Daughter of a Man who can give you ſuitably to your Fortune. But if you weigh the Attendance and Behaviour of her who comes to you in Partnerſhip of your Fortune, and expects an Equivalent, with that of her who enters your Houſe as honoured and obliged by that Permiſſion, whom of the two will you chuſe? You, perhaps, will think fit to ſpend a Day abroad in the common Entertainments of Men of Senſe and Fortune; ſhe will think her ſelf ill uſed in that Abſence, and contrive at home an Expence proportioned to the Appearance which you make in the World. She is in all things to have a Regard to the Fortune which ſhe brought you, I to the Fortune to which you introduced me. The Commerce between you two will eternally have the Air of a Bargain, between us of a Friendſhip: Joy will ever enter into the Room with you, and kind Wiſhes attend my Benefactor when he leaves it. Ask your ſelf, how would you be pleaſed to enjoy for ever the Pleaſure of having laid an

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'immediate Obligation on a grateful Mind? ſuch 'will be your Caſe with me. In the other Mar-'riage you will live in a conſtant Compariſon of 'Benefits, and never know the Happineſs of con-'ferring or receiving any.

'IT may be you will, after all, act rather in 'the prudential Way, according to the Senſe of 'the ordinary World. I know not what I think 'or ſay, when that melancholy Reflection comes 'upon me; but ſhall only add more, that it is in 'your Power to make me your grateful Wife, but 'never your abandon'd Miſtreſs. T

N° 200. *Friday, October* 19.

Vincit Amor Patriæ—— Virg.

THE Ambition of Princes is many times as hurtful to themſelves as to their People. This cannot be doubted of ſuch as prove unfortunate in their Wars, but it is often true too of thoſe who are celebrated for their Succeſſes. If a ſevere View were to be taken of their Conduct, if the Profit and Loſs by their Wars could be juſtly ballanced, it would be rarely found that the Conqueſt is ſufficient to repay the Coſt.

As I was the other Day looking over the Letters of my Correſpondents, I took this Hint from that of *Philarithmus*; which has turned my preſent Thoughts upon Political Arithmetick, an Art of greater Uſe than Entertainment. My Friend has offered an Eſſay towards proving that *Lewis* XIV. with all his Acquiſitions, is not Maſter of more People than at the Beginning of his Wars; nay, that for every Subject he had acquired, he had loſt Three that were his Inheritance: If *Philarithmus* is not miſtaken in his Calculations, *Lewis* muſt have been impoveriſhed by his Ambition.

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THE Prince for the Publick Good has a Sovereign Property in every private Perſon's Eſtate, and conſequently his Riches muſt encreaſe or decreaſe in Proportion to the Number and Riches of his Subjects. For example: If Sword or Peſtilence ſhould deſtroy all the People of this Metropolis, (God forbid there ſhould be Room for ſuch a Suppoſition! but if this ſhould be the Caſe) the Queen muſt needs loſe a great Part of her Revenue, or, at leaſt, what is charged upon the City muſt encreaſe the Burthen upon the reſt of her Subjects. Perhaps the Inhabitants here are not above a tenth Part of the Whole; yet as they are better fed, and cloath'd, and lodg'd, than her other Subjects, the Cuſtoms and Exciſes upon their Conſumption, the Impoſts upon their Houſes, and other Taxes, do very probably make a fifth Part of the whole Revenue of the Crown. But this is not all; the Conſumption of the City takes off a great Part of the Fruits of the whole Iſland; and as it pays ſuch a Proportion of the Rent or Yearly Value of the Lands in the Country, ſo it is the Cauſe of paying ſuch a Proportion of Taxes upon thoſe Lands. The Loſs then of ſuch a People muſt needs be ſenſible to the Prince, and viſible to the whole Kingdom.

ON the other Hand, if it ſhould pleaſe God to drop from Heaven a new People equal in Number and Riches to the City, I ſhould be ready to think their Exciſes, Cuſtoms, and Houſe-Rent would raiſe as great a Revenue to the Crown as would be loſt in the former Caſe. And as the Conſumption of this new Body would be a new Market for the Fruits of the Country, all the Lands, eſpecially thoſe moſt adjacent, would riſe in their yearly Value, and pay greater yearly Taxes to the Publick. The Gain in this Caſe would be as ſenſible as the former Loſs.

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WHATSOEVER is aſſeſs'd upon the General, is levied upon Individuals. It were worth the while then to conſider what is paid by, or by means of, the meaneſt Subjects, in order to compute the Value of every Subject to the Prince.

FOR my own Part, I ſhould believe that ſeven Eighths of the People are without Property in themſelves or the Heads of their Families, and forced to work for their daily Bread; and that of this Sort there are ſeven Millions in the whole Iſland of *Great-Britain*: And yet one would imagine that ſeven Eighths of the whole People ſhould conſume at leaſt three Fourths of the whole Fruits of the Country. If this is the Caſe, the Subjects without Property pay three Fourths of the Rents, and conſequently enable the landed Men to pay three Fourths of their Taxes. Now if ſo great a Part of the Land-Tax were to be divided by ſeven Millions, it would amount to more than three Shillings to every Head. And thus as the Poor are the Cauſe, without which the Rich could not pay this Tax, even the pooreſt Subject is upon this Account worth three Shillings yearly to the Prince.

AGAIN: One would imagine the Conſumption of ſeven Eighths of the whole People ſhould pay two Thirds of all the Cuſtoms and Exciſes. And if this Sum too ſhould be divided by ſeven Millions, *viz.* the Number of poor People, it would amount to more than ſeven Shillings to every Head: And therefore with this and the former Sum every poor Subject, without Property, except of his Limbs or Labour, is worth at leaſt ten Shillings yearly to the Sovereign. So much then the Queen loſes with every one of her old, and gains with every one of her new Subjects.

WHEN I was got into this way of thinking, I preſently grew conceited of the Argument, and was juſt preparing to write a Letter of Advice to

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a Member of Parliament, for opening Freedom o our Towns and Trades, for taking away all man ner of Diſtinctions between the Natives and th Foreigners, for repealing our Laws of Pariſh Set tlements, and removing every other Obſtacle to the Increaſe of the People. But as ſoon as I had recollected with what inimitable Eloquence my Fellow-Labourers had exaggerated the Miſchief of ſelling the Birth right of *Britons* for a Shilling of ſpoiling the pure *Britiſh* Blood with foreign Mixtures, of introducing a Confuſion of Languages and Religions, and of letting in Strangers to eat the Bread out of the Mouths of our own People, I became ſo humble as to let my Project fall to the Ground, and leave my Country to increaſe by the ordinary Way of Generation.

As I have always at Heart the Publick Good, ſo I am ever contriving Schemes to promote it; and I think I may without Vanity pretend to have contrived ſome as wiſe as any of the Caſtle-builders. I had no ſooner given up my former Project, but my Head was preſently full of draining Fens and Marſhes, banking out the Sea, and joining new Lands to my Country; for ſince it is thought impracticable to encreaſe the People to the Land, I fell immediately to conſider how much would be gained to the Prince by encreaſing the Land to the People.

If the ſame omnipotent Power which made the World, ſhould at this time raiſe out of the Ocean and join to *Great-Britain* an equal Extent of Land, with equal Buildings, Corn, Cattle, and other Conveniences and Neceſſaries of Life, but no Men, Women, nor Children, I ſhould hardly believe this would add either to the Riches of the People, or Revenue of the Prince; for ſince the preſent Buildings are ſufficient for all the Inhabitants, if any of them ſhould forſake the old ſo inhabit

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habit the new Part of the Iſland, the Increaſe of Houſe-Rent in this would be attended with at leaſt an equal Decreaſe of it in the other: Beſides, we have ſuch a Sufficiency of Corn and Cattle, that we give Bounties to our Neighbours to take what exceeds of the former off our Hands, and we will not ſuffer any of the latter to be imported upon us by our Fellow-Subjects; and for the remaining Product of the Country 'tis already equal to all our Markets. But if all theſe Things ſhould be doubled to the ſame Buyers, the Owners muſt be glad with half their preſent Prices, the Landlords with half their preſent Rents; and thus by ſo great an Enlargement of the Country, the Rents in the whole would not encreaſe, nor the Taxes to the Publick.

ON the contrary, I ſhould believe they would be very much diminiſhed; for as the Land is only valuable for its Fruits, and theſe are all periſhable, and for the moſt part muſt either be uſed within the Year, or periſh without Uſe, the Owners will get rid of them at any rate, rather than they ſhould waſte in their Poſſeſſion: So that 'tis probable the annual Production of thoſe periſhable things, even of one tenth Part of them, beyond all Poſſibility of Uſe, will reduce one Half of their Value. It ſeems to be for this Reaſon that our Neighbour Merchants who ingroſs all the Spices, and know how great a Quantity is equal to the Demand, deſtroy all that exceeds it. It were natural then to think that the Annual Production of twice as much as can be uſed, muſt reduce all to an eighth Part of their preſent Prices; and thus this extended Iſland wou'd not exceed one fourth Part of the preſent Tax.

IT is generally obſerv'd, That in Countries of the greateſt Plenty there is the pooreſt Living; like the Schoolmen's Aſs, in one of my Speculations,

the People almoſt ſtarve between two Meals. The Truth is, the Poor, which are the Bulk of a Nation, work only that they may live; and if with two Days Labour they can get a wretched Subſiſtance for a Week, they will hardly be brought to Work the other four: But then with the Wages of two Days they can neither pay ſuch Prices for their Proviſions, nor ſuch Exciſes to the Government.

THAT Paradox therefore in old *Heſiod* πλέον ἥμισυ παντός, or Half is more than the Whole, is very applicable to the preſent Caſe; ſince nothing is more true in political Arithmetick, than that the ſame People with half a Country is more valuable than with the Whole. I begin to think there was nothing abſurd in Sir *W. Petty*, when he fancied if all the Highlands of *Scotland* and the whole Kingdom of *Ireland* were ſunk in the Ocean, ſo that the People were all ſaved and brought into the Lowlands of *Great-Britain*; nay, though they were to be reimburſt the Value of their Eſtates by the Body of the People, yet both the Sovereign and the Subjects in general would be enriched by the very Loſs.

IF the People only make the Riches, the Father of ten Children is a greater Benefactor to his Country, than he who has added to it 10000 Acres of Land and no People. It is certain *Lewis* has join'd vaſt Tracts of Land to his Dominions: But if *Philarithmus* ſays true, that he is not now Maſter of ſo many Subjects as before; we may then account for his not being able to bring ſuch mighty Armies into the Field, and for their being neither ſo well fed, nor cloathed, nor paid as formerly. The Reaſon is plain, *Lewis* muſt needs have been impoveriſhed not only by his Loſs of Subjects, but by his Acquiſition of Lands. T

Saturday,

N° 201. *Saturday, October* 20.

Religentem eſſe oportet, Religioſum nefas.
Incerti Autoris apud Aul. Gell.

IT is of the laſt Importance to ſeaſon the Paſſions of a Child with Devotion, which ſeldom dies in a Mind that has received an early Tincture of it. Though it may ſeem extinguiſhed for a while by the Cares of the World, the Heats of Youth, or the Allurements of Vice, it generally breaks out and diſcovers it ſelf again as ſoon as Diſcretion, Conſideration, Age, or Misfortunes have brought the Man to himſelf. The Fire may be covered and overlaid, but cannot be entirely quenched and ſmothered.

A State of Temperance, Sobriety, and Juſtice without Devotion, is a cold, lifeleſs, inſipid Condition of Virtue; and is rather to be ſtiled Philoſophy than Religion. Devotion opens the Mind to great Conceptions, and fills it with more ſublime Ideas than any that are to be met with in the moſt exalted Science; and at the ſame Time warms and agitates the Soul more than ſenſual Pleaſure.

IT has been obſerved by ſome Writers, that Man is more diſtinguiſhed from the Animal World by Devotion than by Reaſon, as ſeveral Brute Creatures diſcover in their Actions ſomething like a faint Glimmering of Reaſon, though they betray in no ſingle Circumſtance of their Behaviour any Thing that bears the leaſt Affinity to Devotion. It is certain, the Propenſity of the Mind to Religious Worſhip, the natural Tendency of the Soul to fly to ſome ſuperior Being for Succour in Dangers and Diſtreſſes, the Gratitude to an inviſible Superintendent which ariſes in us upon receiving any extraordinary and unexpected good Fortune,

the Acts of Love and Admiration with which the Thoughts of Men are ſo wonderfully tranſported in meditating upon the Divine Perfections, and the univerſal Concurrence of all the Nations under Heaven in the great Article of Adoration, plainly ſhew that Devotion or Religious Worſhip muſt be the Effect of a Tradition from ſome firſt Founder of Mankind, or that it is conformable to the natural Light of Reaſon, or that it proceeds from an Inſtinct implanted in the Soul it ſelf. For my part, I look upon all theſe to be the concurrent Cauſes, but which ever of them ſhall be aſſigned as the Principle of Divine Worſhip, it manifeſtly points to a Supreme Being as the firſt Author of it.

I may take ſome other Opportunity of conſidering thoſe particular Forms and Methods of Devotion which are taught us by Chriſtianity; but ſhall here obſerve into what Errors even this Divine Principle may ſometimes lead us, when it is not moderated by that right Reaſon which was given us as the Guide of all our Actions.

THE two great Errors into which a miſtaken Devotion may betray us, are Enthuſiaſm and Superſtition.

THERE is not a more melancholy Object than a Man who has his Head turned with religious Enthuſiaſm. A Perſon that is crazed, tho' with Pride or Malice, is a Sight very mortifying to Human Nature; but when the Diſtemper ariſes from any indiſcreet Fervours of Devotion, or too intenſe an Application of the Mind to its miſtaken Duties, it deſerves our Compaſſion in a more particular Manner. We may however learn this Leſſon from it, that ſince Devotion it ſelf (which one would be apt to think could not be too warm) may diſorder the Mind, unleſs its Heats are tempered with Caution and Prudence, we ſhould be particularly careful to keep our Reaſon as cool as poſ-

poſſible, and to guard our ſelves in all Parts of Life againſt the Influence of Paſſion, Imagination, and Conſtitution.

DEVOTION, when it does not lie under the Check of Reaſon, is very apt to degenerate into Enthuſiaſm. When the Mind finds her ſelf very much inflamed with her Devotions, ſhe is too much inclined to think they are not of her own kindling, but blown up by ſomething Divine within her. If ſhe indulges this Thought too far, and humours the growing Paſſion, ſhe at laſt flings her ſelf into imaginary Raptures and Ecſtaſies; and when once ſhe fancies her ſelf under the Influence of a Divine Impulſe, it is no Wonder if ſhe ſlights Human Ordinances, and refuſes to comply with any eſtabliſhed Form of Religion, as thinking her ſelf directed by a much ſuperior Guide.

AS Enthuſiaſm is a kind of Exceſs in Devotion, Superſtition is the Exceſs not only of Devotion, but of Religion in general; according to an old Heathen Saying, quoted by *Aulus Gellius*, *Religentem eſſe oportet, Religioſum nefas*; A Man ſhould be Religious, not Superſtitious: For as the Author tells us, *Nigidius* obſerved upon this Paſſage, that the *Latin* Words which terminate in *oſus* generally imply vitious Characters, and the having of any Quality to an Exceſs.

AN Enthuſiaſt in Religion is like an obſtinate Clown, a ſuperſtitious Man like an inſipid Courtier. Enthuſiaſm has ſomething in it of Madneſs, Superſtition of Folly. Moſt of the Sects that fall ſhort of the Church of *England* have in them ſtrong Tinctures of Enthuſiaſm, as the *Roman* Catholick Religion is one huge over-grown Body of childiſh and idle Superſtitions.

THE *Roman* Catholick Church ſeems indeed irrecoverably loſt in this Particular. If an abſurd Dreſs or Behaviour be introduced in the World, it

will ſoon be found out and diſcarded: On the contrary, a Habit or Ceremony, tho' never ſo ridiculous, which has taken Sanctuary in the Church, ſticks in it for ever. A *Gothick* Biſhop, perhaps, thought it proper to repeat ſuch a Form in ſuch particular Shooes or Slippers; another fancied it would be very decent if ſuch a Part of publick Devotions were performed with a Mitre on his Head, and a Croſier in his Hand: To this a Brother *Vandal*, as wiſe as the others, adds an antick Dreſs, which he conceived would allude very aptly to ſuch and ſuch Myſteries, till by Degrees the whole Office has degenerated into an empty Show.

THEIR Succeſſors ſee the Vanity and Inconvenience of theſe Ceremonies; but inſtead of reforming, perhaps add others, which they think more ſignificant, and which take Poſſeſſion in the ſame manner, and are never to be driven out after they have been once admitted. I have ſeen the Pope officiate at St. *Peters*, where, for two Hours together, he was buſied in putting on or off his different Accoutrements, according to the different Parts he was to act in them.

NOTHING is ſo glorious in the Eyes of Mankind, and ornamental to humane Nature, ſetting aſide the infinite Advantages which ariſe from it, as a ſtrong ſteady maſculine Piety; but Enthuſiaſm and Superſtition are the Weakneſſes of human Reaſon, that expoſe us to the Scorn and Deriſion of Infidels, and ſink us even below the Beaſts that periſh.

IDOLATRY may be looked upon as another Error ariſing from miſtaken Devotion; but becauſe Reflections on that Subject would be of no uſe to an *Engliſh* Reader, I ſhall not enlarge upon it.

L

Monday,

N° 202. *Monday, October 22.*

Sæpe decem vitiis inſtructior odit & horret. Hor.

THE other Day as I paſſed along the Street, I ſaw a ſturdy Prentice Boy diſputing with an Hackney Coachman; and in an Inſtant, upon ſome Word of Provocation, throw off his Hat, and Cut-Perriwig, clench his Fiſt, and ſtrike the Fellow a Slap on the Face; at the ſame time calling him Raſcal, and telling him he was a Gentleman's Son. The young Gentleman was, it ſeems, bound to a Blackſmith; and the Debate aroſe about Payment for ſome Work done about a Coach, near which they fought. His Maſter, during the Combat, was full of his Boy's Praiſes; and as he called to him to play with Hand and Foot, and throw in his Head, he made all us who ſtood round him of his Party, by declaring the Boy had very good Friends, and he could truſt him with untold Gold. As I am generally in the Theory of Mankind, I could not but make my Reflections upon the ſudden Popularity which was raiſed about the Lad; and perhaps, with my Friend *Tacitus*, fell into Obſervations upon it which were too great for the Occaſion; or aſcribed this general Favour to Cauſes which had nothing to do towards it. But the young Blackſmith's being a Gentleman, was, methought, what created him good Will from his preſent Equality with the Mob about him: Add to this, that he was not ſo much a Gentleman, as not, at the ſame time that he called himſelf ſuch, to uſe as rough Methods for his Defence as his Antagoniſt. The Advantage of his having good Friends, as his Maſter expreſſed it, was not lazily urged; but he ſhewed himſelf ſuperior to the Coachman in the perſonal Qualities of Cou-

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rage and Activity, to confirm that of his being well allied, before his Birth was of any Service to him.

IF one might moralize from this ſilly Story, a Man would ſay, that whatever Advantages of Fortune, Birth, or any other Good, People poſſeſs above the reſt of the World, they ſhould ſhew collateral Eminences beſides thoſe Diſtinctions; or thoſe Diſtinctions will avail only to keep up common Decencies and Ceremonies, and not to preſerve a real Place of Favour or Eſteem in the Opinion and common Senſe of their Fellow Creatures.

THE Folly of Peoples Procedure, in imagining that nothing more is neceſſary than Property and ſuperior Circumſtances to ſupport them in Diſtinction, appears in no Way ſo much as in the Domeſtick Part of Life. It is ordinary to feed their Humours into unnatural Excreſcences, if I may ſo ſpeak, and make their whole Being a waywardand uneaſy Condition, for want of the obvious Reflection that all Parts of humane Life is a Commerce It is not only paying Wages, and giving Commands, that conſtitutes a Maſter of a Family; but Prudence, equal Behaviour, with Readineſs to protect and cheriſh them, is what entitles a Man to that Character in their very Hearts and Sentiments. It is pleaſant enough to obſerve, that Men expect from their Dependants, from their ſole Motive of Fear, all the good Effects which a liberal Education, and affluent Fortune, and every other Advantage, cannot produce in themſelves. A Man will have his Servant juſt, diligent, ſober, and chaſte, for no other Reaſons but the Terrour of loſing his Maſter's Favour; when all the Laws Divine and Humane cannot keep him whom he ſerves within Bounds, with Relation to any one of thoſe Virtues. But both in great and ordinary Affairs, all Superiority which is not founded on Merit and Virtue, is

is ſupported only by Artifice and Stratagem. Thus you ſee Flatterers are the Agents in Families of Humouriſts, and thoſe who govern themſelves by any Thing but Reaſon. Make-Bates, diſtant Relations, poor Kinſmen, and indigent Followers, are the Fry which ſupport the Oeconomy of an humourſome rich Man. He is eternally whiſpered with Intelligence of who are true and falſe to him in Matters of no Conſequence, and he maintains twenty Friends to defend him againſt the Inſinuations of one who would perhaps cheat him of an old Coat.

I ſhall not enter into further Speculation upon this Subject at preſent, but think the following Letters and Petition are made up of proper Sentiments on this Occaſion.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am Servant to an old Lady who is governed 'by one ſhe calls her Friend; who is ſo familiar an one, that ſhe takes upon her to adviſe 'her without being called to it, and makes her 'uneaſy with all about her. Pray, Sir, be pleaſed 'to give us ſome Remarks upon voluntary Counſellors; and let thoſe People know, that to give 'any Body Advice, is to ſay to that Perſon, I am 'your Betters. Pray Sir, as near as you can, deſcribe that Eternal Flirt and Diſturber of Families, Mrs. *Taperty*, who is always viſiting, and 'putting People in a Way, as they call it. If you 'can make her ſtay at home one Evening, you 'will be a general Benefactor to all the Ladies 'Women in Town, and particularly to

Your loving Friend,

Suſan Civil.

Mr.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Footman, and live with one of thoſe 'Men, each of whom is ſaid to be one of the beſt 'humoured Men in the World, but that he is paſ- 'ſionate. Pray be pleaſed to inform them, that 'he who is paſſionate, and takes no Care to com- 'mand his Haſtineſs, does more Injury to his 'Friends and Servants in one half Hour, than 'whole Years can attone for. This Maſter of 'mine, who is the beſt Man alive in common Fame, 'diſobliges ſome Body every Day he lives; and 'ſtrikes me for the next thing I do, becauſe he is 'out of Humour at it. If theſe Gentlemen knew 'that they do all the Miſchief that is ever done in 'Converſation, they would reform; and I who 'have been a Spectator of Gentlemen at Dinner 'for many Years, have ſeen that Indiſcretion does 'ten times more Miſchief than ill Nature. But 'you will repreſent this better than

Your abuſed humble Servant,

Thomas Smoaky.

To the SPECTATOR,

The humble Petition of *John Steward*, *Robert Butler*, *Harry Cook*, and *Abigail Chambers*, in Behalf of themſelves and their Relations, belonging to and diſperſed in the ſeveral Services of moſt of the great Families within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*;

Sheweth,

'THAT in many of the Families in which your 'Petitioners live and are employed, the ſe- 'veral Heads of them are wholly unacquainted 'with what is Buſineſs, and are very little Judges 'when they are well or ill uſed by us your ſaid Pe- 'titioners.

'THAT

'THAT for want of ſuch Skill in their own 'Affairs, and by Indulgence of their own Lazineſs 'and Pride, they continually keep about them cer-'tain miſchievous Animals called Spies.

'THAT whenever a Spy is entertained, the 'Peace of that Houſe is from that Moment baniſh-'ed.

'THAT Spies never give an Account of good 'Services, but repreſent our Mirth and Freedom 'by the Words Wantonneſs and Diſorder.

'THAT in all Families where there are Spies, 'there is a general Jealouſy and Miſunderſtand-'ing.

'THAT the Maſters and Miſtreſſes of ſuch 'Houſes live in continual Suſpicion of their inge-'nuous and true Servants, and are given up to the 'Management of thoſe who are falſe and perfidi-'ous.

'THAT ſuch Maſters and Miſtreſſes who en-'tertain Spies, are no longer more than Cyphers 'in their own Families; and that we your Petiti-'oners are with great Diſdain obliged to pay all 'our Reſpect, and expect all our Maintenance 'from ſuch Spies.

'YOUR Petitioners therefore moſt humbly pray, 'that you would repreſent the Premiſes to all 'Perſons of Condition; and your Petitioners, 'as in Duty bound, ſhall for ever pray, &c. T

No 203. *Tueſday, October 23.*

—Phœbe pater, ſi das hujus mihi nominis uſum,
Nœc falſâ Clymene culpam ſub imagine celat;
Pignora da, Genitor —— Ov. Met.

THERE is a looſe Tribe of Men whom I have not yet taken Notice of, that ramble into all the Corners of this great City, in order to ſeduce ſuch unfortunate Females as fall into their Walks. Theſe

Theſe abandoned Profligates raiſe up Iſſue in every Quarter of the Town, and very often, for a valuable Conſideration, father it upon the Churchwarden. By this Means there are ſeveral married Men who have a little Family in moſt of the Pariſhes of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and ſeveral Batchelors who are undone by a Charge of Children.

WHEN a Man once gives himſelf this Liberty of preying at large, and living upon the Common, he finds ſo much Game in a popular City, that it is ſurprizing, to conſider the Numbers which he ſometimes propagates. We ſee many a young Fellow who is ſcarce of Age, that could lay his Claim to the *Jus Trium Liberorum*, or the Privileges which were granted by the *Roman* Laws to all ſuch as were Fathers of three Children: Nay, I have heard a Rake who was not quite Five and Twenty declare himſelf the Father of a ſeventh Son, and very prudently determine to breed him up a Phyſician. In ſhort, the Town is full of thoſe young Patriarchs, not to mention ſeveral batter'd Beaus, who, like heedleſs Spendthrifts that ſquander away their Eſtates before they are Maſters of them, have raiſed up their whole Stock of Children before Marriage.

I muſt not here omit the particular Whim of an impudent Libertine that had a little Smattering of Heraldry; and obſerving how the Genealogies of great Families were often drawn up in the Shape of Trees, had taken a Fancy to diſpoſe of his own illegitimate Iſſue in a Figure of the ſame kind.

——*Nec longum tempus, & ingens,*
Exiit ad cœlum ramis felicibus arbos,
Miraturque novas frondes, & non ſua poma.
Virg.

THE Trunk of the Tree was marked with his own Name, *Will. Maple.* Out of the Side of it grew

grew a large barren Branch, inſcribed *Mary Maple*, the Name of his unhappy Wife. The Head was adorned with five huge Boughs. On the Bottom of the firſt was written in Capital Characters *Kate Cole*, who branched out into three Sprigs, *viz. William*, *Richard*, and *Rebecca*; *Sal Twiford* gave Birth to another Bough that ſhot up into *Sarah*, *Tom. Will.* and *Frank*. The third Arm of the Tree had only a ſingle Infant in it, with a Space left for a ſecond, the Parent from whom it ſprung being near her Time when the Author took this ingenious Device into his Head. The two other great Boughs were very plentifully loaden with Fruit of the ſame Kind; beſides which there were many ornamental Branches that did not bear. In ſhort, a more flouriſhing Tree never came out of the Herald's Office.

WHAT makes this Generation of Vermin ſo very prolifick, is the indefatigable Diligence with which they apply themſelves to their Buſineſs. A Man does not undergo more Watchings and Fatigues in a Campaign, than in the Courſe of a vicious Amour. As it is ſaid of ſome Men, that they make their Buſineſs their Pleaſure, theſe Sons of Darkneſs may be ſaid to make their Pleaſure their Buſineſs. They might conquer their corrupt Inclinations with half the Pains they are at in gratifying them.

NOR is the Invention of theſe Men leſs to be admired than their Induſtry and Vigilance. There is a Fragment of *Apollodorus* the Comick Poet (who was Contemporary with *Menander*) which is full of Humour, as follows: *Thou may'ſt ſhut up thy Doors*, ſays he, *with Bars and Bolts: It will be impoſſible for the Blackſmith to make them ſo faſt, but a Cat and a Whore-maſter will find the Way through them.* In a Word, there is no Head ſo full of Stratagem as that of a libidinous Man.

WERE I to propoſe a Puniſhment for this infamous Race of Propagators, it ſhould be to ſend them, after the ſecond or third Offence, into our *American* Colonies, in order to people thoſe Parts of her Majeſty's Dominions where there is a Want of Inhabitants, and in the Phraſe of *Diogenes*, to *plant Men*. Some Countries puniſh this Crime with Death; but I think ſuch a Baniſhment would be ſufficient, and might turn this generative Faculty to the Advantage of the Publick.

IN the mean Time, till theſe Gentlemen may be thus diſpoſed of, I would earneſtly exhort them to take Care of thoſe unfortunate Creatures whom they have brought into the World by theſe indirect Methods, and to give their ſpurious Children ſuch an Education as may render them more virtuous than their Parents. This is the beſt Attonement they can make for their own Crimes, and indeeed the only Method that is left them to repair their paſt Miſcarriages.

I would likewiſe deſire them to conſider, whether they are not bound in common Humanity, as well as by all the Obligations of Religion and Nature, to make ſome Proviſion for thoſe whom they have not only given Life to, but entail'd upon them, tho' very unreaſonably, a Degree of Shame and Diſgrace. And here I cannot but take Notice of thoſe deprav'd Notions which prevail among us, and which muſt have taken Riſe from our natural Inclination to favour a Vice to which we are ſo very prone, namely, that *Baſtardy* and *Cuckoldom* ſhould be looked upon as Reproaches, and that the Shame which is only due to Lewdneſs and Falſhood, ſhould fall in ſo unreaſonable a Manner upon the Perſons who are innocent.

I have been inſenſibly drawn into this Diſcourſe by the following Letter, which is drawn up with ſuch a Spirit of Sincerity, that I queſtion not but the Writer

Writer of it has repreſented his Caſe in a true and genuine Light.

SIR,

'I Am one of thoſe People who by the general 'Opinion of the World are counted both in-'famous and unhappy.

'My Father is a very eminent Man in this King-'dom, and one who bears conſiderable Offices in 'it. I am his Son, but my Misfortune is, that I 'dare not call him Father, nor he without Shame 'own me as his Iſſue, I being illegitimate, and 'therefore depriv'd of that endearing Tenderneſs 'and unparallel'd Satisfaction which a good Man 'finds in the Love and Converſation of a Parent: 'Neither have I the Opportunities to render him 'the Duties of a Son, he having always carried 'himſelf at ſo vaſt a Diſtance, and with ſuch Su-'periority towards me, that by long Uſe I have 'contracted a Timorouſneſs when before him, 'which hinders me from declaring my own Ne-'ceſſities, and giving him to underſtand the Incon-'veniencies I undergo.

'It is my Misfortune to have been neither bred 'a Scholar, a Soldier, nor to any Kind of Buſi-'neſs, which renders me entirely uncapable of mak-'ing Proviſion for my ſelf without his Aſſiſtance; 'and this creates a continual Uneaſineſs in my 'Mind, fearing I ſhall in time want Bread; my 'Father, if I may ſo call him, giving me but very 'faint Aſſurances of doing any thing for me.

'I have hitherto lived ſomewhat like a Gentle-'man, and it would be very hard for me to labour 'for my Living. I am in continual Anxiety for 'my future Fortune, and under a great Un-'happineſs in loſing the ſweet Converſation and 'friendly Advice of my Parents; ſo that I cannot 'look upon my ſelf otherwiſe than as a Monſter

'ſtrangely ſprung up in Nature, which every one 'is aſhamed to own.

'I am thought to be a Man of ſome natural Parts, 'and by the continual Reading what you have of- 'fered the World, become an Admirer thereof, 'which has drawn me to make this Confeſſion; 'at the ſame time hoping, if any thing herein ſhall 'touch you with a Senſe of Pity, you would then 'allow me the Favour of your Opinion thereup- 'on; as alſo what Part I, being unlawfully born, 'may claim of the Man's Affection who begot me, 'and how far in your Opinion I am to be thought 'his Son, or he acknowledged as my Father. 'Your Sentiments and Advice herein will be a 'great Conſolation and Satisfaction to,

SIR,

Your Admirer and
Humble Servant,

C W. B.

N° 204. *Wedneſday, October* 24.

—— Urit grata protervitas
Et vultus nimiùm lubricus aſpici. Hor.

I Am not at all diſpleaſed that I am become the Courier of Love, and that the Diſtreſſed in that Paſſion convey their Complaints to each other through my Means. The following Letters have lately come to my Hands, and ſhall have their Place with great Willingneſs. As to the Reader's Entertainment, he will, I hope, forgive the inſerting ſuch Particulars as to him may perhaps ſeem frivolous, but are to the Perſons who wrote them of the higheſt Conſequence. I ſhall not trouble you with the Prefaces, Compliments, and Apologies made to me before each Epiſtle when it was deſired to be inſerted; but in general they tell me, that

that the Perſons to whom they are addreſſed have Intimations, by Phraſes and Alluſions in them, from whence they came.

To the Sothades.

'THE Word by which I addreſs you, gives
' you, who underſtand *Portugueſe*, a lively
' Image of the tender Regard I have for you. The
' SPECTATOR's late Letter from *Statira*, gave
' me the Hint to uſe the ſame Method of explain-
' ing my ſelf to you. I am not affronted at the
' Deſign your late Behaviour diſcovered you had in
' your Addreſſes to me; but I impute it to the De-
' generacy of the Age, rather than your particular
' Fault. As I aim at nothing more than being yours,
' I am willing to be a Stranger to your Name, your
' Fortune, or any Figure which your Wife might
' expect to make in the World, provided my Com-
' merce with you is not to be a guilty one. I re-
' ſign my Dreſs, the Pleaſure of Viſits, Equipages,
' Plays, Balls, and Opera's, for that one Satisfaction
' of having you for ever mine. I am willing you
' ſhall induſtriouſly conceal the only Cauſe of Tri-
' umph which I can know in this Life. I wiſh on-
' ly to have it my Duty, as well as my Inclinati-
' on, to ſtudy your Happineſs. If this has not the
' Effect this Letter ſeems to aim at, you are to un-
' derſtand that I had a Mind to be rid of you, and
' took the readieſt Way to pall you with an Offer
' of what you would never deſiſt purſuing while
' you received ill Uſage. Be a true Man; be my
' Slave while you doubt me, and neglect me when
' you think I love you. I defy you to find out
' what is your preſent Circumſtance with me; but
' I know while I can keep this Suſpence,

I am your Admired

Belinda.

Madam,

'IT is a ſtrange State of Mind a Man is in, when 'the very Imperfections of a Woman he loves 'turn into Excellencies and Advantages. I do aſ-'ſure you, I am very much affraid of venturing 'upon you. I now like you in ſpite of my Rea-'ſon, and think it an ill Circumſtance to owe one's 'Happineſs to nothing but Infatuation. I can ſee 'you ogle all the young Fellows that look at you, 'and obſerve your Eye wander after new Con-'queſts every Moment you are in a publick Place; 'and yet there is ſuch a Beauty in all your Looks 'and Geſtures, that I cannot but admire you in 'the very Act of endeavouring to gain the Hearts 'of others. My Condition is the ſame with that 'of the Lover in the *Way of the World*. I have 'ſtudied your Faults ſo long, that they are become 'as familiar to me, and I like them as well as I 'do my own. Look to it, Madam, and conſider 'whether you think this gay Behaviour will appear 'to me as amiable when an Husband, as it does 'now to me a Lover. Things are ſo far advanced, 'that we muſt proceed; and I hope you will lay it 'to Heart, that it will be becoming in me to ap-'pear ſtill your Lover, but not in you to be ſtill 'my Miſtreſs. Gaiety in the Matrimonial Life is 'graceful in one Sex, but exceptionable in the o-'ther. As you improve theſe little Hints, you 'will aſcertain the Happineſs or Uneaſineſs of,

Madam,

Your moſt obedient,

Moſt humble Servant, T. D.

SIR,

'WHEN I ſat at the Window, and you at the 'other End of the Room by my Couſin, 'I ſaw you catch me looking at you. Since you have

'have the Secret at laſt, which I am ſure you 'ſhould never have known but by Inadvertency, 'what my Eyes ſaid was true. But it is too ſoon 'to confirm it with my Hand, therefore ſhall not 'ſubſcribe my Name.

SIR,

'THERE were other Gentlemen nearer, and 'I know no Neceſſity you were under to 'take up that flippant Creature's Fan laſt Night; 'but you ſhall never touch a Stick of mine more, 'that's pos.

Phillis.

To Collonel R———s *in* Spain.

'BEFORE this can reach the beſt of Huſ-'bands and the fondeſt Lover, thoſe tender 'Names will be no more of Concern to me. The 'Indiſpoſition in which you, to obey the Dictates 'of your Honour and Duty, left me, has encrea-'ſed upon me; and I am acquainted by my Phy-'ſicians I cannot live a Week longer. At this time 'my Spirits fail me; and it is the ardent Love I 'have for you that carries me beyond my Strength, 'and enables me to tell you, The moſt painful 'Thing in the Proſpect of Death, is, that I muſt 'part with you. But let it be a Comfort to you, that 'I have no Guilt hangs upon me, no unrepented 'Folly that retards me; but I paſs away my laſt 'Hours in Reflection upon the Happineſs we have 'lived in together, and in Sorrow that it is ſo ſoon 'to have an End. This is a Frailty which I hope 'is ſo far from criminal, that methinks there is a 'Kind of Piety in being ſo unwilling to be ſepa-'rated from a State which is the Inſtitution of 'Heaven, and in which we have lived according 'to its Laws. As we know no more of the next 'Life, but that it will be an happy one to the Good,

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'and miſerable to the Wicked, why may we not 'pleaſe our ſelves, at leaſt to alleviate the Diffi- 'culty of reſigning this Being, in imagining that 'we ſhall have a Senſe of what paſſes below, and 'may poſſibly be employed in guiding the Steps of 'thoſe with whom we walked with Innocence 'when mortal? Why may not I hope to go on 'in my uſual Work, and, tho' unknown to you, 'be aſſiſtant in all the Conflicts of your Mind? 'Give me Leave to ſay to you, O beſt of Men, 'that I cannot figure to my ſelf a greater Happi- 'neſs than in ſuch an Employment: To be pre- 'ſent at all the Adventures to which humane Life 'is expoſed, to adminiſter Slumber to thy Eyelids 'in the Agonies of a Fever, to cover thy beloved 'Face in Day of Battel, to go with thee a Guar- 'dian Angel incapable of Wound or Pain, where 'I have longed to attend thee when a weak, a 'fearful Woman: Theſe, my Dear, are the 'Thoughts with which I warm my poor languid 'Heart; but indeed I am not capable, under my 'preſent Weakneſs, of bearing the ſtrong Agonies 'of Mind I fall into, when I form to my ſelf the 'Grief you will be in upon your firſt hearing of 'my Departure. I will not dwell upon this, be- 'cauſe your kind and generous Heart will be but 'the more afflicted, the more the Perſon for whom 'you lament offers you Conſolation. My laſt 'Breath will, if I am my ſelf, expire in a Prayer 'for you. I ſhall never ſee your Face again. Fare- 'well for ever. T

N° 205. *Thurſday, October* 25.

Decipimur ſpecie recti—— Hor.

WHEN I meet with any vicious Character that is not generally known, in order to prevent its doing Miſchief, I draw it at length, and ſet

ſet it up as a Scarecrow; by which Means I do not only make an Example of the Perſon to whom it belongs, but give Warning to all her Majeſty's Subjects, that they may not ſuffer by it. Thus, to change the Alluſion, I have marked out ſeveral of the Shoals and Quickſands of Life and am continually employed in diſcovering thoſe which are ſtill concealed, in order to keep the Ignorant and unwary from running upon them. It is with this Intention that I publiſh the following Letter, which brings to Light ſome Secrets of this Nature.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THERE are none of your Speculations which 'I read over with greater Delight, than thoſe 'which are deſigned for the Improvement of our 'Sex. You have endeavoured to correct our un-'reaſonable Fears and Superſtitions, in your Se-'venth and Twelfth Papers; our Fancy for Equi-'page, in your Fifteenth; our Love of Puppet-'Shows, in your Thirty Firſt; our Notions of 'Beauty in your Thirty Third; our Inclination 'for Romances, in your Thirty Seventh; our Paſ-'ſion for *French* Fopperies, in your Forty Fifth; 'our Manhood and Party-Zeal, in your Fifty Se-'venth; our Abuſe of Dancing, in your Sixty 'Sixth and Sixty Seventh; our Levity, in your 'Hundred and Twenty Eighth; our Love of 'Coxcombs, in your Hundred and Fifty Fourth, 'and Hundred and Fifty Seventh; our Tyranny 'over the Henpeckt, in your Hundred and Seven-'ty Sixth. You have deſcribed the *Pict* in your 'Forty Firſt; the Idol, in your Seventy Third; 'the Demurrer, in your Eighty Ninth; the Sala-'mander, in your Hundred and Ninety Eighth. 'You have likewiſe taken to Pieces our Dreſs, 'and repreſented to us the Extravagances we are 'often guilty of in that Particular. You have fal-

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'len upon our Patches, in your Fiftieth and Eigh
'ty First; our Commodes, in your Ninety Eighth
'our Fans in your Hundred and Second; our Ri
'ding Habits, in your Hundred and Fourth; ou
'Hoop Petticoats, in your Hundred and Twent
'Seventh; beſides a great many little Blemiſhes
'which you have touched upon in your ſeveral o
'ther Papers, and in thoſe many Letters that ar
'ſcattered up and down your Works. At th
'ſame Time we muſt own, that the Compliment
'you pay our Sex are innumerable, and that thoſ
'very Faults which you repreſent in us, are neithe
'black in themſelves, nor, as you own, univerſa
'among us. But, Sir, it is plain that theſe you
'Diſcourſes are calculated for none but the fa
'ſhionable Part of Womankind, and for th
'Uſe of thoſe who are rather indiſcreet than vi
'cious. But, Sir, there is a Sort of Proſtitutes i
'the lower Part of our Sex, who are a Scanda
'to us, and very well deſerve to fall under you
'Cenſure. I know it would debaſe your Pape
'too much to enter into the Behaviour of thei
'Female Libertines; but as your Remarks o
'ſome Part of it would be a doing of Juſtice to ſe
'veral Women of Virtue and Honour, whoſ
'Reputations ſuffer by it, I hope you will no
'think it improper to give the Publick ſome Ac
'counts of this Nature. You muſt know, Sir,
'am provoked to write you this Letter by the Be
'haviour of an infamous Woman, who havin
'paſſed her Youth in a moſt ſhameleſs State o
'Proſtitution, is now one of thoſe who gain thei
'Livelihood by ſeducing others, that are younge
'than themſelves, and by eſtabliſhing a crimina
'Commerce between the two Sexes. Among ſe
'veral of her Artifices to get Money, ſhe frequent
'ly perſuades a vain young Fellow, that ſuch
'Woman of Quality, or ſuch a celebrated Toaſ

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entertains a ſecret Paſſion for him, and wants nothing but an Opportunity of revealing it: Nay, ſhe has gone ſo far as to write Letters in the Name of a Woman of Figure, to borrow Money of one of theſe fooliſh *Roderigo's*, which ſhe has afterwards appropriated to her own Uſe. In the mean Time, the Perſon, who has lent the Money, has thought a Lady under Obligations to him, who ſcarce knew his Name; and wondered at her Ingratitude when he has been with her, that ſhe has not owned the Favour, though at the ſame Time he was too much a Man of Honour to put her in Mind of it.

'WHEN this abandoned Baggage meets with a Man who has Vanity enough to give Credit to Relations of this Nature, ſhe turns him to very good Account, by repeating Praiſes that were never uttered, and delivering Meſſages that were never ſent. As the Houſe of this ſhameleſs Creature is frequented by ſeveral Foreigners, I have heard of another Artifice, out of which ſhe often raiſes Money. The Foreigner ſighs after ſome *Britiſh* Beauty, whom he only knows by Fame: Upon which ſhe promiſes, if he can be ſecret, to procure him a Meeting. The Stranger, raviſhed at his good Fortune, gives her a Preſent, and in a little Time is introduced to ſome imaginary Title; for you muſt know that this cunning Purveyer has her Repreſentatives, upon this Occaſion, of ſome of the fineſt Ladies in the Kingdom. By this Means, as I am informed, it is uſual enough to meet with a *German* Count in foreign Countries, that ſhall make his Boaſts of Favours he has received from Women of the higheſt Ranks, and the moſt unblemiſhed Characters. Now, Sir, What Safety is there for a Woman's Reputation, when a Lady may be thus proſtituted as it were by Proxy, and be reputed an un-

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'chaſte Woman; as the Hero in the ninth Book 'of *Dryden*'s *Virgil* is looked upon as a Coward, 'becauſe the Phantom, which appeared in his Like-'neſs, ran away from *Turnus*? You may depend 'upon what I relate to you to be Matter of Fact, 'and the Practice of more than one of theſe fe-'male Panders. If you print this Letter, I may 'give you ſome further Accounts of this vicious 'Race of Women.

Your humble Servant,
BELVIDERA.

I ſhall add two other Letters on different Subjects to fill up my Paper.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Country Clergy-man, and hope you 'will lend me your Aſſiſtance, in ridiculing 'ſome little Indecencies which cannot ſo properly 'be expoſed from the Pulpit.

'A Widow Lady, who ſtraggled this Summer 'from *London* into my Pariſh for the Benefit of 'the Air, as ſhe ſays, appears every *Sunday* at 'Church with many faſhionable Extravagancies, 'to the great Aſtoniſhment of my Congregation.

'BUT what gives us the moſt Offence is her 'theatrical Manner of Singing the Pſalms. She 'introduces above fifty *Italian* Airs into the hun-'dredth Pſalm, and whilſt we begin *All People* in 'the old ſolemn Tune of our Fore-fathers, ſhe in 'a quite different Key runs Diviſions on the Vow-'els, and adorns them with the Graces of *Nicoli-'ni*; if ſhe meets with Eke or Aye, which are fre-'quent in the Metre of *Hopkins* and *Sternhold*, we 'are certain to hear her quavering them half a Mi-'nute after us to ſome ſprightly Airs of the Opera.

'I am very far from being an Enemy to Church 'Muſick; but fear this Abuſe of it may make my

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'Pariſh ridiculous, who already look on the Singing Pſalms as an Entertainment, and not Part of their Devotion: Beſides, I am apprehenſive that the Infection may ſpread, for Squire *Squeekum*, who by his Voice ſeems (if I may uſe the Expreſſion) to be cut out for an *Italian* Singer, was laſt *Sunday* practiſing the ſame Airs.

'I know the Lady's Principles, and that ſhe will plead the Toleration, which (as ſhe fancies) allows her Non-Conformity in this Particular; but I beg you to acquaint her, That ſinging the Pſalms in a different Tune from the reſt of the Congregation, is a Sort of Schiſm not tolerated by that Act.

I am, SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

R. S.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'IN your Paper upon Temperance, you preſcribe to us a Rule for Drinking, out of Sir *William Temple*, in the following Words; *The firſt Glaſs for my ſelf, the ſecond for my Friends, the third for good Humour, and the fourth for mine Enemies.* Now, Sir, you muſt know that I have read this your *Spectator* in a Club whereof I am a Member; when our Preſident told us there was certainly an Error in the Print, and that the Word *Glaſs* ſhould be *Bottle*; and therefore has ordered me to inform you of this Miſtake, and to deſire you to publiſh the following *Errata*: In the Paper of *Saturday*, *October* 13. Col. 3. Line 11, for *Glaſs* read *Bottle*. L

Yours,

Robin Good-fellow.

N° 206. *Friday, October 26.*

Quanto quiſque ſibi plura negaverit,
A Diis plura feret——— Hor.

THERE is a Call upon Mankind to value and eſteem thoſe who ſet a moderate Price upon their own Merit; and Self-denial is frequently attended with unexpected Bleſſings, which in the End abundantly recompence ſuch Loſſes as the Modeſt ſeem to ſuffer in the ordinary Occurrences of Life. The Curious tell us, a Determination in our Favour or to our Diſadvantage is made upon our firſt Appearance, even before they know any thing of our Characters, but from the Intimations Men gather from our Aſpect. A Man, they ſay, wears the Picture of his Mind in his Countenance; and one Man's Eyes are Spectacles to his who looks at him to read his Heart. But tho' that Way of raiſing an Opinion of thoſe we behold in Publick is very fallacious, certain it is, that thoſe, who by their Words and Actions take as much upon themſelves, as they can but barely demand in the ſtrict Scrutiny of their Deſerts, will find their Account leſſen every Day. A modeſt Man preſerves his Character, as a frugal Man does his Fortune; if either of them live to the Height of either, one will find Loſſes, the other Errors which he has not Stock by him to make up. It were therefore a juſt Rule, to keep your Deſires, your Words and Actions, within the Regard you obſerve your Friends have for you; and never, if it were in a Man's Power, to take as much as he poſſibly might either in Preferment or Reputation. My Walks have lately been among the mercantile Part of the World; and one gets Phraſes naturally from thoſe with whom one converſes: I ſay then, he that in his Air, his Treatment of others, or an habitual

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Arrogance to himſelf, gives himſelf Credit for the leaſt Article of more Wit, Wiſdom, Goodneſs, or Valour than he can poſſibly produce if he is called upon, will find the World break in upon him, and conſider him as one who has cheated them of all the Eſteem they had before allowed him. This brings a Commiſſion of Bankrupcy upon him; and he that might have gone on to his Life's End in a proſperous Way, by aiming at more than he ſhould, is no longer Proprietor of what he really had before, but his Pretenſions fare as all Things do which are torn inſtead of being divided.

THERE is no one living would deny *Cinna* the Applauſe of an agreeable and facetious Wit; or could poſſibly pretend that there is not ſomething inimitably unforced and diverting in his Manner of delivering all his Sentiments in Converſation, if he were able to conceal the ſtrong Deſire of Applauſe which he betrays in every Syllable he utters. But they who converſe with him, ſee that all the Civilities they could do to him, or the kind Things they could ſay to him, would fall ſhort of what he expects; and therefore inſtead of ſhewing him the Eſteem they have for his Merit, their Reflections turn only upon that they obſerve he has of it himſelf.

IF you go among the Women, and behold *Gloriana* trip into a Room with that theatrical Oſtentation of her Charms, *Mirtilla* with that ſoft Regularity in her Motion, *Chloe* with ſuch an indifferent Familiarity, *Corinna* with ſuch a fond Approach, and *Roxana* with ſuch a Demand of Reſpect in the great Gravity of her Entrance; you find all the Sex who underſtand themſelves and act naturally, wait only for their Abſence, to tell you that all theſe Ladies would impoſe themſelves upon you; and each of them carry in their Behaviour a Conſciouſneſs of ſo much more than they

ſhould pretend to, that they loſe what would otherwiſe be given them.

I remember the laſt Time I ſaw *Mackbeth*, I was wonderfully taken with the Skill of the Poet, in making the Murderer form Fears to himſelf from the Moderation of the Prince whoſe Life he was going to take away. He ſays of the King, *He bore his Faculties ſo meekly*; and juſtly inferred from thence, That all divine and humane Power would join to avenge his Death, who had made ſuch an abſtinent Uſe of Dominion. All that is in a Man's Power to do to advance his own Pomp and Glory, and forbears, is ſo much laid up againſt the Day of Diſtreſs; and Pity will always be his Portion in Adverſity, who acted with Gentleneſs in Proſperity.

THE great Officer who foregoes the Advantages he might take to himſelf, and renounces all prudential Regards to his own Perſon in Danger, has ſo far the Merit of a Volunteer; and all his Honours and Glories are unenvied, for ſharing the common Fate with the ſame Frankneſs as they do who have no ſuch endearing Circumſtances to part with. But if there were no ſuch Conſiderations as the good Effect which Self-Denial has upon the Senſe of other Men towards us, it is of all Qualities the moſt deſirable for the agreeable Diſpoſition in which it places our own Minds. I cannot tell what better to ſay of it, than that it is the very Contrary of Ambition; and that Modeſty allays all thoſe Paſſions and Inquietudes to which that Vice expoſes us. He that is moderate in his Wiſhes from Reaſon and Choice, and not reſigned from Sourneſs, Diſtaſte, or Diſappointment, doubles all the Pleaſures of his Life. The Air, the Seaſon, a Sun-ſhiny Day, or a fair Proſpect, are Inſtances of Happineſs, and that which he enjoys in common with all the World, (by his Exemption

tion from the Enchantments by which all the World are bewitched) are to him uncommon Benefits and new Acquisitions. Health is not eaten up with Care, nor Pleasure interrupted by Envy. It is not to him of any Consequence what this Man is famed for, or for what the other is preferred. He knows there is in such a Place an uninterrupted Walk; he can meet in such a Company an agreeable Conversation. He has no Emulation; he is no Man's Rival, but every Man's Well-wisher; can look at a prosperous Man with a Pleasure, in reflecting that he hopes he is as happy as himself; and has his Mind and his Fortune (as far as Prudence will allow) open to the Unhappy and to the Stranger.

LUCCEIUS has Learning, Wit, Humour, Eloquence, but no ambitious Prospects to pursue with these Advantages; therefore to the ordinary World he is perhaps thought to want Spirit, but known among his Friends to have a Mind of the most consummate Greatness. He wants no Man's Admiration, is in no Need of Pomp. His Cloaths please him if they are fashionable and warm; his Companions are agreeable if they are civil and well natured. There is with him no Occasion for Superfluity at Meals, for Jollity in Company, in a word, for any thing extraordinary to administer Delight to him. Want of Prejudice and Command of Appetite, are the Companions which make his Journey of Life so easy, that he in all Places meets with more Wit, more good Cheer, and more good Humour than is necessary to make him enjoy himself with Pleasure and Satisfaction.

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N°. 207. *Saturday, October 27.*

Omnibus in terris, quæ ſunt à Gadibus uſque
Auroram & Gangem, pauci dignoſcere poſſunt
Vera bona, atque illis multùm diverſa, remotâ
Erroris nebulâ——— Juv.

IN my laſt *Saturday*'s Paper I laid down ſome Thoughts upon Devotion in general, and ſhall here ſhew what were the Notions of the moſt refined Heathens on this Subject, as they are repreſented in *Plato*'s Dialogue upon Prayer, entitled, *Alcibiades the Second*, which doubtleſs gave Occaſion to *Juvenal*'s tenth Satyr, and to the ſecond Satyr of *Perſius*; as the laſt of theſe Authors has almoſt tranſcribed the preceding Dialogue, entitled, *Alcibiades the Firſt*, in his Fourth Satyr.

THE Speakers in this Dialogue upon Prayer, are *Socrates* and *Alcibiades*; and the Subſtance of it (when drawn together out of the Intricacies and Digreſſions) as follows.

SOCRATES meeting his Pupil *Alcibiades*, as he was going to his Devotions, and obſerving his Eyes to be fixed upon the Earth with great Seriouſneſs and Attention, tells him, that he had Reaſon to be thoughtful on that Occaſion, ſince it was poſſible for a Man to bring down Evils upon himſelf by his own Prayers, and that thoſe things which the Gods ſend him in Anſwer to his Petitions might turn to his Deſtruction: This, ſays he, may not only happen when a Man prays for what he knows is miſchievous in its own Nature, as *Oedipus* implored the Gods to ſow Diſſention between his Sons; but when he prays for what he believes would be for his Good, and againſt what he believes would be to his Detriment. This the Philoſopher ſhews muſt neceſſarily happen among us, ſince moſt Men are blinded with Ignorance, Prejudice,

judice, or Paſſion, which hinder them from ſeeing ſuch things as are really beneficial to them. For an Inſtance, he asks *Alcibiades*, Whether he would not be thoroughly pleaſed if that God to whom he was going to addreſs himſelf, ſhould promiſe to make him the Sovereign of the whole Earth? *Alcibiades* anſwers, That he ſhould doubtleſs look upon ſuch a Promiſe as the greateſt Favour that could be beſtowed upon him. *Socrates* then asks him, If after receiving this great Favour he would be content to loſe his Life? or if he would receive it though he was ſure he would make an ill Uſe of it? To both which Queſtions *Alcibiades* anſwers in the Negative. *Socrates* then ſhews him from the Examples of others, how theſe might very probably be the Effects of ſuch a Bleſſing. He then adds, That other reputed Pieces of good Fortune, as that of having a Son, or procuring the higheſt Poſt in a Government, are ſubject to the like fatal Conſequences; which nevertheleſs, ſays he, Men ardently deſire, and would not fail to pray for, if they thought their Prayers might be effectual for the obtaining of them.

HAVING eſtabliſhed this great Point, That all the moſt apparent Bleſſings in this Life are obnoxious to ſuch dreadful Conſequences, and that no Man knows what in its Events would prove to him a Bleſſing or a Curſe, he teaches *Alcibiades* after what manner he ought to pray.

IN the firſt Place, he recommends to him, as the Model of his Devotion, a ſhort Prayer, which a *Greek* Poet compoſed for the Uſe of his Friends, in the following Words; O Jupiter, *give us thoſe things which are good for us, whether they are ſuch things as we pray for, or ſuch things as we do not pray for; and remove from us thoſe things which are hurtful, though they are ſuch things as we pray for.*

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IN the ſecond Place, that his Diſciple may ask ſuch things as are expedient for him, he ſhews him, that it is abſolutely neceſſary to apply himſelf to the Study of true Wiſdom, and to the Knowledge of that which is his chief Good, and the moſt ſuitable to the Excellency of his Nature.

IN the third and laſt Place he informs him, that the beſt Methods he could make uſe of to draw down Bleſſings upon himſelf, and to render his Prayers acceptable, would be to live in a conſtant Practice of his Duty towards the Gods, and towards Men. Under this Head he very much recommends a Form of Prayer the *Lacedemonians* made uſe of, in which they petition the Gods, *to give them all good Things, ſo long as they are virtuous.* Under this Head likewiſe he gives a very remarkable Account of an Oracle to the following Purpoſe.

WHEN the *Athenians* in the War with the *Lacedemonians* received many Defeats both by Sea and Land, they ſent a Meſſage to the Oracle of *Jupiter Ammon*, to ask the Reaſon why they who erected ſo many Temples to the Gods, and adorned them with ſuch coſtly Offerings; why they who had inſtituted ſo many Feſtivals, and accompanied them with ſuch Pomps and Ceremonies; in ſhort, why they who had ſlain ſo many Hecatombs at their Altars, ſhould be leſs ſucceſsful than the *Lacedemonians*, who fell ſo ſhort of them in all theſe Particulars. To this, ſays he, the Oracle made the following Reply; *I am better pleaſed with the Prayer of the* Lacedemonians, *than with all the Oblations of the* Greeks. As this Prayer implied and encouraged Virtue in thoſe who made it; the Philoſopher proceeds to ſhew how the moſt vicious Man might be devout, ſo far as Victims could make him, but that his Offerings were regarded by the Gods as Bribes, and his Petitions as Blaſphemies.

mies. He likewiſe quotes on this Occaſion two Verſes out of *Homer*, in which the Poet ſays, That the Scent of the *Trojan* Sacrifices was carried up to Heaven by the Winds; but that it was not acceptable to the Gods, who were diſpleaſed with *Priam* and all his People.

THE Concluſion of this Dialogue is very remarkable, *Socrates* having deterr'd *Alcibiades* from the Prayers and Sacrifices which he was going to offer, by ſetting forth the above-mentioned Difficulties of performing that Duty as he ought, adds theſe Words, *We muſt therefore wait till ſuch Time as we may learn how to behave our ſelves towards the Gods, and towards Men.* But when will that time come, ſays *Alcibiades*, and who is it that will inſtruct us? For I would fain ſee this Man, whoever he is. It is one, ſays *Socrates*, who takes Care of you; but as *Homer* tells us, that *Minerva* removed the Miſt from *Diomedes* his Eyes, that he might plainly diſcover both Gods and Men; ſo the Darkneſs that hangs upon your Mind muſt be removed, before you are able to diſcern what is Good and what is Evil. Let him remove from my Mind, ſays *Alcibiades*, the Darkneſs, and what elſe he pleaſes; I am determined to refuſe nothing he ſhall order me, whoever he is, ſo that I may become the better Man by it. The remaining Part of this Dialogue is very obſcure: There is ſomething in it that would make us think *Socrates* hinted at himſelf, when he ſpoke of this Divine Teacher who was to come into the World, did not he own that he himſelf was in this Reſpect as much at a Loſs, and in as great Diſtreſs as the reſt of Mankind.

SOME learned Men look upon this Concluſion as a Prediction of our Saviour, or at leaſt that *Socrates*, like the High-Prieſt, propheſied unknowingly, and pointed at that Divine Teacher who was to come into the World ſome Ages after him.

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However that may be, we find that this great Philoſopher ſaw, by the Light of Reaſon, that it was ſuitable to the Goodneſs of the Divine Nature, to ſend a Perſon into the World who ſhould inſtruct Mankind in the Duties of Religion, and, in particular, teach them how to Pray.

WHOEVER reads this Abſtract of *Plato*'s Diſcourſe on Prayer, will, I believe, naturally make this Reflection, that the great Founder of our Religion, as well by his own Example, as in the Form of Prayer which he taught his Diſciples, did not only keep up to thoſe Rules which the Light of Nature had ſuggeſted to this great Philoſopher, but inſtructed his Diſciples in the whole Extent of this Duty, as well as of all others. He directed them to the proper Object of Adoration, and taught them according to the third Rule above-mentioned, to apply themſelves to him in their Cloſets, without Show or Oſtentation, and to worſhip him in Spirit and in Truth. As the *Lacedemonians* in their Form of Prayer implored the Gods in general to give them all good things ſo long as they were virtuous, we ask in particular *that our Offences may be forgiven, as we forgive thoſe of others.* If we look into the ſecond Rule which *Socrates* has preſcribed, namely, That we ſhould apply our ſelves to the Knowledge of ſuch things as are beſt for us, this too is explained at large in the Doctrines of the Goſpel, where we are taught in ſeveral Inſtances to regard thoſe things as Curſes, which appear as Bleſſings in the Eye of the World; and on the contrary, to eſteem thoſe things as Bleſſings, which to the Generality of Mankind appear as Curſes. Thus in the Form which is preſcribed to us, we only pray for that Happineſs which is our chief Good, and the great End of our Exiſtence, when we petition the ſupreme Being for *the coming of his Kingdom*, being ſollicitous for no other temporal Bleſſing but our

our *daily Suſtenance*. On the other Side, We pray againſt nothing but Sin, and againſt *Evil* in general, leaving it with Omniſcience to determine what is really ſuch. If we look into the firſt of *Socrates* his Rules of Prayer, in which he recommends the above-mentioned Form of the ancient Poet, we find that Form not only comprehended, but very much improved in the Petition, wherein we pray to the Supreme Being that *his Will may be done*: Which is of the ſame Force with that Form which our Saviour uſed, when he pray'd againſt the moſt painful and moſt ignominious of Deaths, *Nevertheleſs not my Will, but thine be done*. This comprehenſive Petition is the moſt humble, as well as the moſt prudent, that can be offered up from the Creature to his Creator, as it ſuppoſes the Supreme Being wills nothing but what is for our Good, and that he knows better than our ſelves what is ſo.

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N° 208. *Monday, October 29.*

——*Veniunt ſpectentur ut ipſæ.* Ov.

I Have ſeveral Letters from People of good Senſe, who lament the Depravity or Poverty of Taſte the Town is fallen into with relation to Plays and publick Spectacles. A Lady in particular obſerves, that there is ſuch a Levity in the Minds of her own Sex, that they ſeldom attend any thing but Impertinences. It is indeed prodigious to obſerve how little Notice is taken of the moſt exalted Parts of the beſt Tragedies in *Shakeſpear*; nay, it is not only viſible that Senſuality has devoured all Greatneſs of Soul, but the under Paſſion (as I may ſo call it) of a noble Spirit, Pity, ſeems to be a Stranger to the Generality of an Audience. The Minds of Men are indeed very differently diſpoſed; and the Reliefs from Care and Attention are of one

one Sort in a great Spirit, and of another in an ordinary one. The Man of a great Heart and a ſerious Complexion, is more pleaſed with Inſtances of Generoſity and Pity, than the light and ludicrous Spirit can poſſibly be with the higheſt Strains of Mirth and Laughter: It is therefore a melancholy Proſpect when we ſee a numerous Aſſembly loſt to all ſerious Entertainments, and ſuch Incidents as ſhould move one ſort of Concern, excite in them a quite contrary one. In the Tragedy of *Mackbeth* the other Night, when the Lady who is conſcious of the Crime of murdering the King, ſeems utterly aſtoniſhed at the News, and makes an Exclamation at it; inſtead of the Indignation which is natural to the Occaſion, that Expreſſion is received with a loud Laugh: They were as merry when a Criminal was ſtabbed. It is certainly an Occaſion of rejoycing when the Wicked are ſeized in their Deſigns; but, I think, it is not ſuch a Triumph as is exerted by Laughter.

YOU may generally obſerve, that the Appetites are ſooner moved than the Paſſions: A ſly Expreſſion which alludes to Bawdry, puts a whole Row into a pleaſing Smirk; when a good Sentence that deſcribes an inward Sentiment of the Soul, is received with the greateſt Coldneſs and Indifference. A Correſpondent of mine, upon this Subject, has divided the Female Part of the Audience, and accounts for their Prepoſſeſſion againſt this reaſonable Delight in the following Manner. The Prude, ſays he, as ſhe acts always in Contradiction, ſo ſhe is gravely ſullen at a Comedy, and extravagantly gay at a Tragedy. The Coquet is ſo much taken up with throwing her Eyes around the Audience and conſidering the Effect of them, that ſhe cannot be expected to obſerve the Actors but as they are her Rivals, and take off the Obſervation of the Men from her ſelf. Beſides theſe Species of Women, there

there are the *Examples*, or the firſt of the Mode: Theſe are to be ſuppoſed too well acquainted with what the Actor is going to ſay to be moved at it. After theſe one might mention a certain flippant Set of Females who are Mimicks, and are wonderfully diverted with the Conduct of all the People around them, and are Spectators only of the Audience. But what is of all the moſt to be lamented, is, the Loſs of a Party whom it would be worth preſerving in their right Senſes upon all Occaſions, and theſe are thoſe whom we may indifferently call the Innocent or the Unaffected. You may ſometimes ſee one of theſe ſenſibly touched with a well wrought Incident; but then ſhe is immediately ſo impertinently obſerved by the Men, and frown'd at by ſome ſenſible Superior of her own Sex, that ſhe is aſhamed, and loſes the Enjoyment of the moſt laudable Concern, Pity. Thus the whole Audience is afraid of letting fall a Tear, and ſhun as a Weakneſs the beſt and worthieſt Part of our Senſe.

SIR,

'AS you are one that doth not only pretend to reform, but affects it amongſt People of any Senſe; makes me (who are one of the greateſt of your Admirers) give you this Trouble to deſire you will ſettle the Method of us Females knowing when one another is in Town: For they have now got a Trick of never ſending to their Acquaintance when they firſt come; and if one does not viſit them within the Week which they ſtay at home, it is a mortal Quarrel. Now, dear Mr. SPEC, either command them to put it in the Advertiſement of your Paper, which is generally read by our Sex, or elſe order them to breathe their ſaucy Footmen, (who are good for nothing elſe) by ſending them to tell all their

'Acquaintance. If you think to Print this, pray put it in a better Stile as to the ſpelling Part. The 'Town is now filling every Day, and it cannot 'be deferred, becauſe People take Advantage of 'one another by this Means, and break off Ac- 'quaintance, and are rude: Therefore pray put this 'in your Paper as ſoon as you can poſſibly, to 'prevent any future Miſcarriages of this Nature. 'I am, as I ever ſhall be,

Dear SPEC,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

Mary Meanwell.

'PRAY ſettle what is to be a proper Notification 'of a Perſon's being in Town, and how that 'differs according to People's Quality.

Mr. SPECTATOR, October *the* 20*th*.

'I Have been out of Town, ſo did not meet with 'your Paper dated *September* the 28th, where- 'in you, to my Heart's Deſire, expoſe that curſed 'Vice of inſnaring poor young Girls, and draw- 'ing them from their Friends. I aſſure you with- 'out Flattery it has ſaved a Prentice of mine from 'Ruin; and in Token of Gratitude, as well as for 'the Benefit of my Family, I have put it in a Frame 'and Glaſs, and hung it behind my Counter. I 'ſhall take Care to make my young ones read it 'every Morning, to fortifie them againſt ſuch per- 'nicious Raſcals. I know not whether what you 'writ was Matter of Fact, or your own Inventi- 'on; but this I will take my Oath on, the firſt 'Part is ſo exactly like what happen'd to my Pren- 'tice, that had I read your Paper then, I ſhould 'have taken your Method to have ſecured a Vil- 'lain. Go on and proſper.

Your moſt Obedient Humble Servant.

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Mr. SPECTATOR,

'WITHOUT Rallery I deſire you to inſert
' this Word for Word in your next, as you
'value a Lover's Prayers. You ſee it is an Hue
'and Cry after a ſtray Heart (with the Marks and
'Blemiſhes underwritten) which whoever ſhall
'bring to you, ſhall receive Satisfaction. Let me
'beg of you not to fail, as you remember the Paſ-
'ſion you had for her to whom you lately ended
'a Paper.

Noble, Generous, Great and Good,
But never to be underſtood;
Fickle as the Wind, ſtill changing,
After every Female ranging,
Panting, trembling, ſighing, dying,
But addicted much to Lying:
When the Siren Songs repeats,
Equal Meaſures ſtill it beats;
Who e'er ſhall wear it, it will ſmart her,
And who e'er takes it, takes a Tartar. T

N° 209. *Tueſday, October* 30.

Γυναικὸς ὐδὲ χρῆμ' ἀνὴρ λπίζεται
Ἐσθλῆς ἄμεινον, ὐδὲ ῥίγιον κακῆς. Simonides.

THERE are no Authors I am more pleaſed with, than thoſe who ſhew humane Nature in a Variety of Views, and deſcribe the ſeveral Ages of the World in their different Manners. A Reader cannot be more rationally entertained, than by comparing the Virtues and Vices of his own Times, with thoſe which prevailed in the Times of his Fore-fathers; and drawing a Parallel in his Mind between his own private Character, and that of other Perſons, whether of his own Age, or of the Ages that went before him. The Contemplation of Mankind under theſe changeable Colours, is apt

to ſhame us out of any particular Vice, or animate us to any particular Virtue; to make us pleaſed or diſpleaſed with our ſelves in the moſt proper Points, to clear our Minds of Prejudice and Pre-poſſeſſion, and rectify that Narrowneſs of Temper which inclines us to think amiſs of thoſe who differ from ourſelves.

IF we look into the Manners of the moſt remote Ages of the World, we diſcover humane Nature in her Simplicity; and the more we come downward towards our own Times, may obſerve her hiding her ſelf in Artifices and Refinements, poliſhed inſenſibly out of her original Plainneſs, and at length entirely loſt under Form and Ceremony and (what we call) good Breeding. Read the Accounts of Men and Women as they are given us by the moſt ancient Writers, both Sacred and Prophane, and you would think you were reading the Hiſtory of another Species.

AMONG the Writers of Antiquity, there are none who inſtruct us more openly in the Manners of their reſpective Times in which they lived, than thoſe who have employed themſelves in Satyr, under what Dreſs ſoever it may appear; as there are no other Authors whoſe Province it is to enter ſo directly into the Ways of Men, and ſet their Miſcarriages in ſo ſtrong a Light.

SIMONIDES, a Poet famous in his Generation, is I think Author of the oldeſt Satyr that is now extant; and, as ſome ſay, of the firſt that was ever written. This Poet flouriſhed about four hundred Years after the Siege of *Troy*; and ſhews, by his Way of Writing, the Simplicity, or rather Coarſeneſs, of the Age in which he lived. I have taken Notice, in my hundred and ſixty firſt Speculation, that the Rule of obſerving what the *French* call the *Bienſeance*, in an Alluſion, has been found out of latter Years; and that the Ancients, provided

ed there was a Likeneſs in their Similitudes, did not much trouble themſelves about the Decency of the Compariſon. The Satyr or Iambicks of *Simonides*, with which I ſhall entertain my Readers in the preſent Paper, are a remarkable Inſtance of what I formerly advanced. The Subject of this Satyr is Woman. He deſcribes the Sex in their ſeveral Characters, which he derives to them from a fanciful Suppoſition raiſed upon the Doctrine of Præexiſtence. He tells us, That the Gods formed the Souls of Women out of thoſe Seeds and Principles which compoſe ſeveral Kinds of Animals and Elements; and that their good or bad Diſpoſitions ariſe in them according as ſuch and ſuch Seeds and Principles predominate in their Conſtitutions. I have tranſlated the Author very faithfully, and if not Word for Word (which our Language would not bear) at leaſt ſo as to comprehend every one of his Sentiments, without adding any Thing of my own. I have already apologized for this Author's Want of Delicacy, and muſt further premiſe, That the following Satyr affects only ſome of the lower Part of the Sex, and not thoſe who have been refined by a polite Education, which was not ſo common in the Age of this Poet.

IN the Beginning God made the Souls of Womankind out of different Materials, and in a ſeparate State from their Bodies.

THE Souls of one Kind of Women were formed out of thoſe Ingredients which compoſe a Swine. A Woman of this Make is a Slut in her Houſe, and a Glutton at her Table. She is uncleanly in her Perſon, a Slattern in her Dreſs, and her Family is no better than a Dunghill.

A Second Sort of Female Soul was formed out of the ſame Materials that enter into the Compoſition of a Fox. Such an one is what we call a notable

diſcerning Woman, who has an Inſight into ever*Thing, whether it be good or bad. In this* Speci*of Females there are ſome virtuous and ſome* vicious

A Third Kind of Women were made up of Canin*Particles. Theſe are what we commonly call* Scolds*who imitate the Animals out of which they were* ta*ken, that are always buſy and barking, that* ſnar*at every one who comes in their Way, and live in perpetual Clamour.*

THE Fourth Kind of Women were made out o the Earth. Theſe are your Sluggards, who paſs a-way their Time in Indolence and Ignorance, hover over the Fire a whole Winter, and apply themſelves with Alacrity to no Kind of Buſineſs but Eating.

THE Fifth Species of Females were made out of the Sea. Theſe are Women of variable uneven Tempers, ſometimes all Storm and Tempeſt, ſometimes all Calm and Sunſhine. The Stranger who ſees one of theſe in her Smiles and Smoothneſs, would cry her up for a Miracle of good Humour; but on a ſudden her Looks and Words are changed, ſhe is nothing but Fury and Outrage, Noiſe and Hurricane.

THE Sixth Species were made up of the Ingredients which compoſe an Aſs, or a Beaſt of Burden. Theſe are naturally exceeding ſlothful, but upon the Husband's exerting his Authority, will live upon hard Fare, and do every Thing to pleaſe him. They are however far from being averſe to Venereal Pleaſure, and ſeldom refuſe a Male Companion.

THE Cat furniſhed Materials for a Seventh Species of Women, who are of a melancholy, froward, unamiable Nature, and ſo repugnant to the Offers of Love, that they fly in the Face of their Husband when he approaches them with conjugal Endearments. This Species of Women are likewiſe ſubject to little Thefts, Cheats, and Pilferings.

THE Mare with a flowing Mane, which was never broke to any ſervile Toil and Labour, compoſed

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an Eighth Species of Women. These are they who have little Regard for their Husbands, who paſs away their Time in Dreſſing, Bathing, and Perfuming; who throw their Hair into the niceſt Curls, and trick it up with the faireſt Flowers and Garlands. A Woman of this Species is a very pretty Thing for a Stranger to look upon, but very detrimental to the Owner, unleſs it be a King or Prince who takes a Fancy to ſuch a Toy.

The Ninth Species of Females were taken out of the Ape. Theſe are ſuch as are both ugly and ill-natured, who have nothing Beautiful in themſelves, and endeavour to detract from or ridicule every Thing which appears ſo in others.

THE Tenth and Laſt Species of Women were made out of the Bee; and happy is the Man who gets ſuch an one for his Wife. She is altogether faultleſs and unblameable; her Family flouriſhes and improves by her good Management. She loves her Husband, and is beloved by him. She brings him a Race of beautiful and virtuous Children. She diſtinguiſhes her ſelf among her Sex. She is ſurrounded with Graces. She never ſits among the looſe Tribe of Women, nor paſſes away her Time with them in wanton Diſcourſes. She is full of Virtue and Prudence, and is the beſt Wife that Jupiter *can beſtow on Man.*

I ſhall conclude theſe Iambicks with the Motto of this Paper, which is a Fragment of the ſame Author: *A Man cannot poſſeſs any Thing that is better than a good Woman, nor any Thing that is worſe than a bad one.*

As the Poet has ſhewn a great Penetration in this Diverſity of Female Characters, he has avoided the Fault which *Juvenal* and Monſieur *Boileau* are guilty of, the former in his ſixth, and the other in his laſt Satyr, where they have endeavoured to expoſe the Sex in general, without doing Juſtice to the valuable

luable Part of it. Such levelling Satyrs are of no Uſe to the World, and for this Reaſon I have often wondered how the *French* Author above-mentioned, who was a Man of exquiſite Judgment, and a Lover of Virtue could think human Nature a proper Subject for Satyr in another of his celebrated Pieces, which is called *The Satyr upon Man*. What Vice or Frailty can a Diſcourſe correct, which cenſures the whole Species alike, and endeavours to ſhew by ſome ſuperficial Strokes of Wit, that Brutes are the more excellent Creatures of the two? A Satyr ſhould expoſe nothing but what is corrigible, and make a due Diſcrimination between thoſe who are, and thoſe who are not the proper Objects of it. L

N° 210. *Wedneſday, October* 31.

Neſcio quomodo inhæret in mentibus quaſi ſeculorum quoddam augurium futurorum; idque in maximis ingeniis altiſſimiſque animis & exiſtit maximè & apparet facillimè.

Cic. Tuſc. Quæſt.

To the SPECTATOR.

SIR,

'I Am fully perſuaded, that one of the beſt Springs 'of generous and worthy Actions, is the having generous and worthy Thoughts of our ſelves. 'Whoever has a mean Opinion of the Dignity of 'his Nature, will act in no higher a Rank than he 'has allotted himſelf in his own Eſtimation. If he 'conſiders his Being as circumſcribed by the uncer-'tain Term of a few Years, his Deſigns will be 'contracted into the ſame narrow Span he imagines 'is to bound his Exiſtence. How can he exalt his 'Thoughts to any thing great and noble, who only 'believes that, after a ſhort Turn on the Stage of this

this World, he is to ſink into Oblivion, and to loſe his Conſciouſneſs for ever?

'FOR this Reaſon I am of Opinion, that ſo uſeful and elevated a Contemplation as that of the *Soul's Immortality* cannot be reſum'd too often. There is not a more improving Exerciſe to the humane Mind, than to be frequently reviewing its own great Privileges and Endowments; nor a more effectual Means to awaken in us an Ambition raiſed above low Objects and little Purſuits, than to value our ſelves as Heirs of Eternity.

'IT is a very great Satisfaction to conſider the beſt and wiſeſt of Mankind in all Nations and Ages, aſſerting, as with one Voice, this their Birth-right, and to find it ratify'd by an expreſs Revelation. At the ſame time, if we turn our Thoughts inward upon our ſelves, we may meet with a kind of ſecret Senſe concurring with the Proofs of our own Immortality.

'YOU have, in my Opinion, rais'd a good preſumptive Argument from the encreaſing Appetite the Mind has to Knowledge, and to the extending its own Faculties, which cannot be accompliſh'd, as the more reſtrain'd Perfection of lower Creatures may, in the Limits of a ſhort Life. I think another probable Conjecture may be rais'd from our Appetite to Duration it ſelf, and from a Reflection on our Progreſs thro' the ſeveral Stages of it: *We are complaining*, as you obſerve in a former Speculation, *of the Shortneſs of Life, and yet are perpetually hurrying over the Parts of it, to arrive at certain little Settlements, or imaginary Points of Reſt, which are diſperſed up and down in it.*

'NOW let us conſider what happens to us when we arrive at theſe *imaginary Points of Reſt*: Do we ſtop our Motion, and ſit down ſatisfy'd in the Settlement we have gain'd? or are we not

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'removing the Boundary and marking out new
'Points of Reſt, to which we preſs forward with
'the like Eagerneſs, and which ceaſe to be ſuch
'as faſt as we attain them? Our Caſe is like that of a
'Traveller upon the *Alps*, who ſhould fancy that
'the Top of the next Hill muſt end his Journey,
'becauſe it terminates his Proſpect; but he no ſoon-
'er arrives at it, than he ſees new Ground and o-
'ther Hills beyond it, and continues to travel on
'as before.

'THIS is ſo plainly every Man's Condition in
'Life, that there is no one who has obſerv'd any
'thing, but may obſerve, that as faſt as his Time
'wears away, his Appetite to ſomething future re-
'mains. The Uſe therefore I would make of it
'is this, that ſince Nature (as ſome love to expreſs
'it) does nothing in vain, or, to ſpeak properly,
'ſince the Author of our Being has planted no wan-
'dering Paſſion in it, no Deſire which has not its
'Object, Futurity is the Proper Object of the Paſ-
'ſion ſo conſtantly exercis'd about it; and this Reſt-
'leſneſs in the preſent, this aſſigning our ſelves o-
'ver to farther Stages of Duration, this ſucceſſive
'graſping at ſomewhat ſtill to come, appears to
'me (whatever it may to others) as a kind of In-
'ſtinct or natural Symptom which the Mind of
'Man has of its own Immortality.

'I take it at the ſame time for granted, that the Im-
'mortality of the Soul is ſufficiently eſtabliſhed by
'other Arguments; and if ſo, this Appetite, which
'otherwiſe would be very unaccountable and ab-
'ſurd, ſeems very reaſonable, and adds Strength
'to the Concluſion. But I am amazed when I con-
'ſider there are Creatures capable of Thought,
'who, in ſpight of every Argument, can form to
'themſelves a ſullen Satisfaction in thinking other-
'wiſe. There is ſomething ſo pitifully mean in the
'inverted Ambition of that Man who can hope
'for

'for Annihilation, and pleaſe himſelf to think that 'his whole Fabrick ſhall one Day crumble into 'Duſt, and mix with the Maſs of inanimate Be-'ings, that it equally deſerves our Admiration and 'Pity. The Myſtery of ſuch Mens Unbelief is 'not hard to be penetrated; and indeed amounts 'to nothing more than a ſordid Hope that they 'ſhall not be immortal, becauſe they dare not be 'ſo.

'THIS brings me back to my firſt Obſervati-'on, and gives me Occaſion to ſay further, That 'as worthy Actions ſpring from worthy Thoughts, 'ſo worthy Thoughts are likewiſe the Conſe-'quence of worthy Actions: But the Wretch 'who has degraded himſelf below the Character 'of Immortality, is very willing to reſign his Pre-'tenſions to it, and to ſubſtitute in its Room a 'dark negative Happineſs in the Extinction of his 'Being.

'THE admirable *Shakeſpear* has given us a ſtrong 'Image of the unſupported Condition of ſuch a 'Perſon in his laſt Minutes, in the ſecond Part of 'King *Henry* the Sixth, where Cardinal *Beaufort*, 'who had been concerned in the Murther of the 'good Duke *Humphrey*, is repreſented on his 'Death-bed. After ſome ſhort confuſed Speeches 'which ſhew an Imagination diſturbed with Guilt, 'juſt as he is expiring, King *Henry* ſtanding by 'him full of Compaſſion, ſays,

Lord Cardinal! if thou think'ſt on Heaven's Bliſs,
Hold up thy Hand, make Signal of that Hope!
He dies, and makes no Sign!———

'THE Deſpair which is here ſhewn, without 'a Word or Action on the Part of the dying Per-'ſon, is beyond what could be painted by the moſt 'forcible Expreſſions whatever.

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'I ſhall not purſue this Thought further, but only add, That as Annihilation is not to be had 'with a Wiſh, ſo it is the moſt abject Thing in the 'World to wiſh it. What are Honour, Fame, 'Wealth, or Power, when compared with the 'generous Expectation of a Being without End, 'and a Happineſs adequate to that Being?

'I ſhall trouble you no further; but, with a certain Gravity, which theſe Thoughts have given 'me, I reflect upon ſome Things People ſay of 'you, (as they will of all Men who diſtinguiſh 'themſelves) which I hope are not true; and wiſh 'you as good a Man as you are an Author.

I am, SIR,

T *Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

T. D.

N°. 211. *Thurſday, November* 1.

Fictis meminerit nos jocari Fabulis. Phæd.

HAVING lately tranſlated the Fragment of an old Poet which deſcribes Womankind under ſeveral Characters, and ſuppoſes them to have drawn their different Manners and Diſpoſitions from thoſe Animals and Elements out of which he tells us they were compounded; I had ſome Thoughts of giving the Sex their Revenge, by laying together in another Paper the many vicious Characters which prevail in the Male World, and ſhewing the different Ingredients that go to the making up of ſuch different Humours and Conſtitutions. *Horace* has a Thought which is ſomething akin to this, when, in order to excuſe himſelf to his Miſtreſs, for an Invective which he had written againſt her, and to account for that unreaſonable Fury with which the Heart of Man is often tranſported, he tells us, that when *Prometheus* made

made his Man of Clay, in the kneading up of the Heart, he ſeaſoned it with ſome furious Particles of the Lion. But upon turning this Plan to and fro in my Thoughts, I obſerved ſo many unaccountable Humours in Man, that I did not know out of what Animals to fetch them. Male Souls are diverſify'd with ſo many Characters, that the World has not Variety of Materials ſufficient to furniſh out their different Tempers and Inclinations. The Creation, with all its Animals and Elements, would not be large enough to ſupply their ſeveral Extravagances.

INSTEAD therefore of purſuing the Thought of *Simonides*, I ſhall obſerve that as he has expoſed the vicious Part of Women from the Doctrine of Præexiſtence, ſome of the ancient Philoſophers have, in a Manner, ſatyrized the vicious Part of the human Species in general, from a Notion of the Soul's Poſtexiſtence, if I may ſo call it; and that as *Simonides* deſcribes Brutes entering into the Compoſition of Women, others have repreſented humane Souls as entering into Brutes. This is commonly termed the Doctrine of Tranſmigration, which ſuppoſes that humane Souls, upon their leaving the Body, become the Souls of ſuch kinds of Brutes as they moſt reſemble in their Manners; or to give an Account of it, as Mr. *Dryden* has deſcribed it in his Tranſlation of *Pythagoras* his Speech in the fifteenth Book of *Ovid*, where that Philoſopher diſſwades his Hearers from eating Fleſh,

Thus all Things are but alter'd, nothing dies,
And here and there th' unbody'd Spirit flies:
By Time, or Force, or Sickneſs diſpoſſeſs'd,
And lodges where it lights in Bird or Beaſt,
Or hunts without till ready Limbs it find,
And actuates thoſe according to their Kind:

From Tenement to Tenement is toſs'd:
The Soul is ſtill the ſame, the Figure only loſt.

Then let not Piety be put to Flight,
To pleaſe the Taſte of Glutton-Appetite;
But ſuffer inmate Souls ſecure to dwell,
Leſt from their Seats your Parents you expel;
With rabid Hunger feed upon your Kind,
Or from a Beaſt diſlodge a Brother's Mind.

PLATO in the Viſion of *Erus* the *Armenian*, which I may poſſibly make the Subject of a future Speculation, records ſome beautiful Tranſmigrations; as that the Soul of *Orpheus*, who was muſical, melancholy, and a Woman-hater, entered into a Swan; the Soul of *Ajax*, which was all Wrath and Fierceneſs, into a Lion; the Soul of *Agamemnon*, that was rapacious and imperial, into an Eagle; and the Soul of *Therſites*, who was a Mimick and a Buffoon, into a Monkey.

Mr. *Congreve*, in a Prologue to one of his Comedies, has touched upon this Doctrine with great Humour.

Thus Ariſtotle's *Soul, of old that was,*
May now be damn'd to animate an Aſs;
Or in this very Houſe, for ought we know,
Is doing painful Penance in ſome Beau.

I ſhall fill up this Paper with ſome Letters which my laſt *Tueſday*'s Speculation has produced. My following Correſpondents will ſhew, what I there obſerved, that the Speculation of that Day affects only the lower Part of the Sex.

From my Houſe in the Strand, October 30. 1711.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'UPON reading your *Tueſday*'s Paper, I find 'by ſeveral Symptoms in my Conſtitution, 'that

'that I am a Bee. My Shop, or if you pleaſe to call 'it ſo, my Cell, is in that great Hive of Females 'which goes by the Name of the *New-Exchange*; 'where I am daily employed in gathering together 'a little Stock of Gain from the fineſt Flowers a-'bout the Town, I mean the Ladies and the Beaus. 'I have a numerous Swarm of Children, to 'whom I give the beſt Education I am able: But, 'Sir, it is my Misfortune to be married to a 'Drone, who lives upon what I get, without 'bringing any Thing into the common Stock. 'Now, Sir, as on the one Hand I take Care not 'to behave my ſelf towards him like a Waſp, ſo 'likewiſe I would not have him look upon me as 'an humble Bee; for which Reaſon I do all I can 'to put him upon laying up Proviſions for a bad 'Day, and frequently repreſent to him the fatal 'Effects his Sloth and Negligence may bring upon 'us in our old Age. I muſt beg that you will join 'with me in your good Advice upon this Occaſi-'on, and you will for ever oblige

Your Humble Servant,

MELISSA.

SIR, *Piccadilly, October* 31, 1711.

'I Am joined in Wedlock for my Sins to one 'of thoſe Fillies who are deſcribed in the old 'Poet with that hard Name you gave us the other 'Day. She has a flowing Mane, and a Skin as 'ſoft as Silk: But, Sir, ſhe paſſes half her Life at 'her Glaſs, and almoſt ruins me in Ribbons. For 'my own Part, I am a plain handicraft Man, and 'in Danger of breaking by her Lazineſs and Ex-'penſiveneſs. Pray, Maſter, tell me in your next 'Paper, whether I may not expect of her ſo much

'Drudgery as to take Care of her Family, and 'curry her Hide in caſe of Refuſal.

Your Loving Friend,

Barnaby Brittle.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Cheapſide, October* 30.

'I Am mightily pleaſed with the Humour of the 'Cat, be ſo kind as to enlarge upon that Sub-'ject. *Yours till Death,*

Joſiah Henpeck.

P. S. 'You muſt know I am married to a *Grimalkin.*

SIR, *Wapping, October* 31, 1711.

'EVER ſince your *Spectator* of *Tueſday* laſt 'came into our Family, my Husband is 'pleaſed to call me his *Oceana*, becauſe the foo-'liſh old Poet that you have tranſlated ſays, That 'the Souls of ſome Women are made of Sea-'Water. This, it ſeems, has encouraged my Sauce-'Box to be witty upon me. When I am angry, 'he cries, Prithee my Dear *be calm*; when I chide 'one of my Servants, Prithee Child *do not bluſter.* 'He had the Impudence about an Hour ago to 'tell me, That he was a Seafaring Man, and muſt 'expect to divide his Life between *Storm* and *Sun-'ſhine*. When I beſtir my ſelf with any Spirit in 'my Family, it is *high Sea* in his Houſe; and 'when I ſit ſtill without doing any Thing, his Af-'fairs forſooth are *Wind-bound*. When I ask him 'whether it rains, he makes Anſwer, It is no 'Matter, ſo that it be *fair Weather* within Doors. 'In ſhort, Sir, I cannot ſpeak my Mind freely to 'him, but I either *ſwell* or *rage*, or do ſomething 'that is not fit for a civil Woman to hear. Pray 'Mr. SPECTATOR, ſince you are ſo ſharp upon

'other

'other Women, let us know what Materials your 'Wife is made of, if you have one. I ſuppoſe you 'would make us a Parcel of poor-ſpirited tame 'inſipid Creatures; but, Sir, I would have you to 'know, we have as good Paſſions in us as your 'ſelf, and that a Woman was never deſigned to 'be a Milk-Sop. L

Martha Tempeſt.

N° 212. *Friday, November 2.*

——*Eripe turpi*
Colla jugo, liber, liber dic, ſum age—— Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Never look upon my dear Wife, but I think 'of the Happineſs Sir ROGER DE COVERLY enjoys, in having ſuch a Friend as you 'to expoſe in proper Colours the Cruelty and Perverſeneſs of his Miſtreſs. I have very often wiſhed you viſited in our Family, and were acquainted with my Spouſe; ſhe would afford you for 'ſome Months at leaſt Matter enough for one *Spectator* a Week. Since we are not ſo happy as 'to be of your Acquaintance, give me Leave to repreſent to you our own preſent Circumſtances as 'well as I can in Writing. You are to know then 'that I am not of a very different Conſtitution 'from *Nathaniel Henrooſt*, whom you have lately recorded in your Speculations; and have a 'Wife who makes a more tyrannical Uſe of the 'Knowledge of my eaſy Temper, than that Lady 'ever pretended to. We had not been a Month 'married, when ſhe found in me a certain Pain to 'give Offence, and an Indolence that made me 'bear little Inconveniences rather than diſpute about them. From this Obſervation it ſoon came

'to paſs, that if I offered to go abroad, ſhe would 'get between me and the Door, kiſs me, and ſay 'ſhe could not part with me; and then down a-'gain I ſat. In a Day or two after this firſt plea-'ſant Step towards confining me, ſhe declared to 'me, that I was all the World to her, and ſhe 'thought ſhe ought to be all the World to me. If, 'ſaid ſhe, my Dear loves me as much as I love 'him, he will never be tired of my Company. 'This Declaration was followed by my being de-'nied to all my Acquaintance; and it very ſoon 'came to that Paſs, that to give an Anſwer at the 'Door before my Face, the Servants would ask 'her whether I was within or not; and ſhe would 'anſwer No with great Fondneſs, and tell me I 'was a good Dear. I will not enumerate more 'little Circumſtances to give you a livelier Senſe 'of my Condition; but tell you in general, that 'from ſuch Steps as theſe at firſt, I now live the 'Life of a Priſoner of State; my Letters are o-'pened, and I have not the Uſe of Pen, Ink, and 'Paper but in her Preſence. I never go abroad ex-'cept ſhe ſometimes takes me with her in her 'Coach to take the Air, if it may be called ſo, 'when we drive, as we generally do, with the 'Glaſſes up. I have over-heard my Servants la-'ment my Condition; but they dare not bring me 'Meſſages without her Knowledge, becauſe they 'doubt my Reſolution to ſtand by 'em. In the 'midſt of this inſipid Way of Life, an old Ac-'quaintance of mine, *Tom Meggot*, who is a 'Favourite with her, and allowed to viſit me in 'her Company becauſe he ſings prettily, has rou-'ſed me to rebell, and conveyed his Intelligence 'to me in the following Manner. My Wife is a 'great Pretender to Muſick, and very ignorant of 'it; but far gone in the *Italian* Taſte. *Tom* goes 'to *Armſtrong*, the famous fine Writer of Mu-

'ſick,

'ſick, and deſires him to put this Sentence of *Tul-*
'*ly* in the Scale of an *Italian* Air, and write it out
'for my Spouſe from him. *An ille mihi liber cui*
'*mulier imperat? Cui leges imponit, præſcribit,*
'*jubet, vetat quod videtur? Qui nihil imperanti*
'*negare, nihil recuſare audet? Poſcit? dandum eſt.*
'*Vocat? veniendum. Ejicit? abeundum. Minita-*
'*tur? extimeſcendum. Does he live like a Gentle-*
'*man who is commanded by a Woman? He to*
'*whom ſhe gives Law, grants and denies what ſhe*
'*pleaſes? who can neither deny her any thing ſhe*
'*asks, or refuſe to do any Thing ſhe commands?*

'To be ſhort, my Wife was extremely pleaſed
'with it, ſaid the *Italian* was the only Language
'for Muſick; and admired how wonderfully ten-
'der the Sentiment was, and how pretty the Ac-
'cent is of that Language, with the reſt that is
'ſaid by Rote on that Occaſion. Mr. *Meggot* is
'ſent for to ſing this Air, which he performs with
'mighty Applauſe; and my Wife is in Ecſtaſy on
'the Occaſion, and glad to find, by my being ſo
'much pleaſed, that I was at laſt come into the
'Notion of the *Italian*; for, ſaid ſhe, it grows
'upon one when one once comes to know a lit-
'tle of the Language; and pray, Mr. *Meggot*,
'ſing again thoſe Notes, *Nihil Imperanti negare,*
'*nihil recuſare*. You may believe I was not a lit-
'tle delighted with my Friend *Tom*'s Expedient to
'alarm me, and in Obedience to his Summons I
'give all this Story thus at large; and I am reſol-
'ved, when this appears in the *Spectator*, to de-
'clare for my ſelf. The Manner of the Inſurrec-
'tion I contrive by your Means, which ſhall be
'no other than that *Tom Meggot*, who is at our
'Tea-Table every Morning, ſhall read it to us;
'and if my Dear can take the Hint, and ſay not
'one Word, but let this be the beginning of a
'new Life without further Explanation, it is very

'well;

'well; for as ſoon as the *Spectator* is read out, I 'ſhall, without more ado, call for the Coach, 'name the Hour when I ſhall be at home, if I 'come at all, if I do not, they may go to Dinner. 'If my Spouſe only ſwells and ſays nothing, *Tom* 'and I go out together, and all is well, as I ſaid 'before; but if ſhe begins to command or expo-'ſtulate, you ſhall in my next to you receive a full 'Account of her Reſiſtance and Submiſſion; for 'ſubmit the dear Thing muſt to,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

Anthony Freeman.

'I hope I need not tell you that I deſire this may 'be in your very next. T

N° 213. *Saturday, November* 3.

——*Mens ſibi conſcia recti.* Virg.

IT is the great Art and Secret of Chriſtianity, if I may uſe that Phraſe, to manage our Actions to the beſt Advantage, and direct them in ſuch a manner, that every thing we do may turn to Account at that great Day, when every thing we have done will be ſet before us.

IN order to give this Conſideration its full Weight, we may caſt all our Actions under the Diviſion of ſuch as are in themſelves either Good, Evil, or Indifferent. If we divide our Intentions after the ſame manner, and conſider them with regard to our Actions, we may diſcover that great Art and Secret of Religion which I have here mentioned.

A good Intention joined to a good Action, gives it its proper Force and Efficacy; joined to an evil Action, extenuates its Malignity, and in ſome Caſes

ſes may take it wholly away; and joined to an indifferent Action, turns it to Virtue, and makes it meritorious as far as humane Actions can be ſo.

IN the next Place, to conſider in the ſame manner the Influence of an Evil Intention upon our Actions. An evil Intention perverts the beſt of Actions, and makes them in reality what the Fathers with a witty kind of Zeal have termed the Virtues of the Heathen World, ſo many *ſhining Sins*. It deſtroys the Innocence of an indifferent Action, and gives an evil Action all poſſible Blackneſs and Horrour, or in the emphatical Language of Sacred Writ, makes *Sin exceeding ſinful*.

IF, in the laſt Place, we conſider the Nature of an indifferent Intention, we ſhall find that it deſtroys the Merit of a good Action; abates, but never takes away the Malignity of an evil Action; and leaves an indifferent Action in its natural State of Indifference.

IT is therefore of unſpeakable Advantage to poſſeſs our Minds with an habitual good Intention, and to aim all our Thoughts, Words and Actions at ſome laudable End, whether it be the Glory of our Maker, the Good of Mankind, or the Benefit of our own Souls.

THIS is a ſort of Thrift or Good-Husbandry in moral Life, which does not throw away any ſingle Action, but makes every one go as far as it can. It multiplies the Means of Salvation, encreaſes the Number of our Virtues, and diminiſhes that of our Vices.

THERE is Something very devout, though not ſo ſolid, in *Acoſta*'s Anſwer to *Limborch*, who objects to him the Multiplicity of Ceremonies in the *Jewiſh* Religion, as Waſhings, Dreſſes, Meats, Purgations, and the like. The Reply which the *Jew* makes upon this Occaſion, is to the beſt of my Remembrance, as follows: 'There are not

'Duties

'Duties enough (ſays he) in the eſſential Parts of 'the Law for a zealous and active Obedience. 'Time, Place, and Perſon are requiſite, before you 'have an Opportunity of putting a moral Virtue 'into Practice. We have therefore, ſays he, en-'larged the Sphere of our Duty, and made many 'Things which are in themſelves indifferent a Part 'of our Religion, that we may have more Occa-'ſion of ſhewing our Love to God, and in all the 'Circumſtances of Life be doing ſomething to 'pleaſe him.

MONSIEUR *St. Evremont* has endeavoured to palliate the Superſtitions of the Roman Catholick Religion with the ſame kind of Apology, where he pretends to conſider the different Spirit of the Papiſts and the Calviniſts, as to the great Points wherein they diſagree. He tells us, that the former are actuated by Love, and the other by Fear; and that in their Expreſſions of Duty and Devotion towards the Supreme Being, the former ſeem particularly careful to do every thing which may poſſibly pleaſe him, and the other to abſtain from every thing that may poſſibly diſpleaſe him.

BUT notwithſtanding this plauſible Reaſon with which both the Jew and the Roman Catholick would excuſe their reſpective Superſtitions, it is certain there is ſomething in them very pernicious to Mankind, and deſtructive to Religion; becauſe the Injunction of ſuperfluous Ceremonies makes ſuch Actions Duties, as were before indifferent, and by that means renders Religion more burthenſome and difficult than it is in its own Nature, betrays many into Sins of Omiſſion which they could not otherwiſe be guilty of, and fixes the Minds of the Vulgar to the ſhadowy uneſſential Points, inſtead of the more weighty and more important Matters of the Law.

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THIS zealous and active Obedience however takes Place in the great Point we are recommending; for if, inſtead of preſcribing to our ſelves indifferent Actions as Duties, we apply a good Intention to all our moſt indifferent Actions, we make our very Exiſtence one continued Act of Obedience, we turn our Diverſions and Amuſements to our eternal Advantage, and are pleaſing him (whom we are made to pleaſe) in all the Circumſtances and Occurrences of Life.

IT is this excellent Frame of Mind, this *holy Officiouſneſs* (if I may be allowed to call it ſuch) which is recommended to us by the Apoſtle in that uncommon Precept, wherein he directs us to propoſe to our ſelves the Glory of our Creator in all our moſt indifferent Actions, *whether we eat or drink, or whatſoever we do.*

A Perſon therefore who is poſſeſſed with ſuch an habitual good Intention, as that which I have been here ſpeaking of, enters upon no ſingle Circumſtance of Life, without conſidering it as well-pleaſing to the great Author of his Being, conformable to the Dictates of Reaſon, ſuitable to human Nature in general, or to the particular Station in which Providence has placed him. He lives in a perpetual Senſe of the Divine Preſence, regards himſelf as acting, in the whole Courſe of his Exiſtence, under the Obſervation and Inſpection of that Being, who is privy to all his Motions and all his Thoughts, who knows his *Down-ſitting and his Up-riſing, who is about his Path, and about his Bed, and ſpieth out all his Ways.* In a Word, he remembers that the Eye of his Judge is always upon him, and in every Action he reflects that he is doing what is commanded or allowed by Him who will hereafter either reward or puniſh it. This was the Character of thoſe holy Men of old, who in that beautiful Phraſe of Scripture are ſaid to have *walked with God.*

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WHEN I employ my ſelf upon a Paper of Morality, I generally conſider how I may recommend the particular Virtue which I treat of, by the Precepts or Examples of the ancient Heathens; by that Means, if poſſible, to ſhame thoſe who have greater Advantages of knowing their Duty, and therefore greater Obligations to perform it, into a better Courſe of Life: Beſides, that many among us are unreaſonably diſpoſed to give a fairer Hearing to a Pagan Philoſopher, than to a Chriſtian Writer.

I ſhall therefore produce an Inſtance of this excellent Frame of Mind in a Speech of *Socrates*, which is quoted by *Eraſmus*. This great Philoſopher on the Day of his Execution, a little before the Draught of Poiſon was brought to him, entertaining his Friends with a Diſcourſe on the Immortality of the Soul, has theſe Words: *Whether or no God will approve of my Actions, I know not; but this I am ſure of, that I have at all Times made it my Endeavour to pleaſe him, and I have a good Hope that this my Endeavour will be accepted by him.* We find in theſe Words of that great Man the habitual good Intention which I would here inculcate, and with which that Divine Philoſopher always acted. I ſhall only add, that *Eraſmus*, who was an unbigotted Roman Catholick, was ſo much tranſported with this Paſſage of *Socrates*, that he could ſcarce forbear looking upon him as a Saint, and deſiring him to pray for him; or as that ingenious and learned Writer has expreſſed himſelf in a much more lively Manner, *When I reflect on ſuch a Speech, pronounced by ſuch a Perſon, I can ſcarce forbear crying out,* Sancte Socrates, ora pro nobis. *O holy* Socrates, *pray for us.*

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Monday,

N° 214. *Monday, November 5,*

——Perierunt tempora longi
Servitii—— Juv.

I Did ſome time ago lay before the World the unhappy Condition of the trading Part of Mankind, who ſuffer for want of Punctuality in the Dealings of Perſons above them; but there is a Set of Men who are much more the Objects of Compaſſion than even thoſe, and theſe are the Dependants on great Men, whom they are pleaſed to take under their Protection as ſuch as are to ſhare in their Friendſhip and Favour. Theſe indeed, as well from the Homage that is accepted from them, as the Hopes which are given to them, are become a Sort of Creditors; and theſe Debts, being Debts of Honour, ought, according to the accuſtom'd Maxim, to be firſt diſcharged.

WHEN I ſpeak of Dependants, I would not be underſtood to mean thoſe who are worthleſs in themſelves, or who, without any Call, will preſs into the Company of their Betters. Nor, when I ſpeak of Patrons, do I mean thoſe who either have it not in their Power, or have no Obligation to aſſiſt their Friends; but I ſpeak of ſuch Leagues where there is Power and Obligation on the one Part, and Merit and Expectation on the other.

THE Diviſion of Patron and Client, may, I believe, include a Third of our Nation; the Want of Merit and Real Worth in the Client, will ſtrike out about Ninety-nine in a Hundred of theſe; and the Want of Ability in Patrons, as many of that Kind. But however, I muſt beg leave to ſay, that he who will take up another's Time and Fortune in his Service, tho' he has no Proſpect of rewarding his Merit towards him, is as unjuſt in his Dealings as

he who takes up Goods of a Tradeſman without Intention or Ability to pay him. Of the few of the Claſs which I think fit to conſider, there are not two in ten who ſucceed: inſomuch that I know a Man of good Senſe who put his Son to a Blackſmith, tho' an Offer was made him of his being received as a Page to a Man of Quality. There are not more Cripples come out of the Wars, than there are from thoſe great Services; ſome through Diſcontent loſe their Speech, ſome their Memories, others their Senſes or their Lives; and I ſeldom ſee a Man thoroughly diſcontented, but I conclude he has had the Favour of ſome great Man. I have known of ſuch as have been for twenty Years together within a Month of a good Employment, but never arrived at the Happineſs of being poſſeſſed of any Thing.

THERE is nothing more ordinary, than that a Man who is got into a conſiderable Station, ſhall immediately alter his Manner of treating all his Friends, and from that Moment he is to deal with you as if he were your Fate. You are no longer to be conſulted, even in Matters which concern your ſelf; but your Patron is of a Species above you, and a free Communication with you is not to be expected. This perhaps may be your Condition all the While he bears Office, and when that is at an End, you are as intimate as ever you were, and he will take it very ill if you keep the Diſtance he preſcribed you towards him in his Grandeur. One would think this ſhould be a Behaviour a Man could fall into with the worſt Grace imaginable; but they who know the World have ſeen it more than once. I have often, with ſecret Pity, heard the ſame Man who has profeſſed his Abhorrence againſt all Kind of paſſive Behaviour, loſe Minutes, Hours, Days and Years in a fruitleſs Attendance on one who had no Inclination to befriend him. It is very much

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to be regarded, that the Great have one particular Privilege above the reſt of the World, of being ſlow in receiving Impreſſions of Kindneſs, and quick in taking Offence. The Elevation above the reſt of Mankind, except in very great Minds, makes Men ſo giddy, that they do not ſee after the ſame Manner they did before: Thus they deſpiſe their old Friends, and ſtrive to extend their Intereſts to new Pretenders. By this Means it often happens, that when you come to know how you loſt ſuch an Employment, you will find the Man who got it never dreamed of it; but, forſooth, he was to be ſurprized into it, or perhaps ſollicited to receive it. Upon ſuch Occaſions as theſe a Man may perhaps grow out of Humour; if you are ſo, all Mankind will fall in with the Patron, and you are an Humouriſt and untractable if you are capable of being ſour at a Diſappointment: But it is the ſame Thing, whether you do or do not reſent ill Uſage, you will be uſed after the ſame Manner; as ſome good Mothers will be ſure to whip their Children till they cry, and then whip them for crying.

THERE are but two Ways of doing any Thing with great People, and thoſe are by making your ſelf either conſiderable or agreeable: The former is not to be attained but by finding a Way to live without them, or concealing that you want them; the latter is only by falling into their Taſte and Pleaſures: This is of all the Employments in the World the moſt ſervile, except it happens to be of your own natural Humour. For to be agreeable to another, eſpecially if he be above you, is not to be poſſeſſed of ſuch Qualities and Accompliſhments as ſhould render you agreeable in your ſelf, but ſuch as make you agreeable in reſpect to him. An Imitation of Faults, or a Compliance, if not Subſervi-

ence, to his Vices, muſt be the Meaſures of your Conduct.

WHEN it comes to that, the unnatural State a Man lives in, when the Patron pleaſes, is ended; and his Guilt and Complaiſance are objected to him, tho' the Man who rejects him for his Vices was not only his Partner but Seducer. Thus the Client, (like a young Woman who has given up the Innocence which made her charming) has not only loſt his Time, but alſo the Virtue which could render him capable of reſenting the Injury which is done him.

IT would be endleſs to recount the Tricks of turning you off from themſelves to Perſons who have leſs Power to ſerve you, the Art of being ſorry for ſuch an unaccountable Accident in your Behaviour, that ſuch a one (who, perhaps, has never heard of you) oppoſes your Advancement; and if you have any Thing more than ordinary in you, you are flattered with a Whiſper, that 'tis no Wonder People are ſo ſlow in doing for a Man of your Talents, and the like.

AFTER all this Treatment, I muſt ſtill add the pleaſanteſt Inſolence of all, which I have once or twice ſeen; to wit, That when a ſilly Rogue has thrown away one Part in three of his Life in unprofitable Attendance, it is taken wonderfully ill that he withdraws, and is reſolved to employ the reſt for himſelf.

WHEN we conſider theſe Things, and reflect upon ſo many honeſt Natures (which one, who makes Obſervation of what paſſes, may have ſeen) that have miſcarried by ſuch Sort of Applications, it is too melancholy a Scene to dwell upon; therefore I ſhall take another Opportunity to diſcourſe of good Patrons, and diſtinguiſh ſuch as have done their Duty to thoſe who have depended upon them, and were not able to act without their Favour.

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Worthy Patrons are like *Plato*'s Guardian Angels, who are always doing Good to their Wards; but negligent Patrons are like *Epicurus*'s Gods, that lie lolling on the Clouds, and inſtead of Bleſſings pour down Storms and Tempeſts on the Heads of thoſe that are offering Incenſe to them. T

N° 215. *Tueſday, November* 6.

——Ingenuas didiciſſe fideliter artes
Emollit mores, nec ſinit eſſe feros. Ov.

I Conſider an humane Soul without Education like Marble in the Quarry, which ſhews none of its inherent Beauties, till the Skill of the Poliſher fetches out the Colours, makes the Surface ſhine, and diſcovers every ornamental Cloud, Spot and Vein that runs thro' the Body of it. Education, after the ſame Manner, when it works upon a noble Mind, draws out to View every latent Virtue and Perfection, which without ſuch Helps are never able to make their Appearance.

If my Reader will give me Leave to change the Alluſion ſo ſoon upon him, I ſhall make Uſe of the ſame Inſtance to illuſtrate the Force of Education, which *Ariſtotle* has brought to explain his Doctrine of Subſtantial Forms, when he tells us that a Statue lies hid in a Block of Marble; and that the Art of the Statuary only clears away the Superfluous Matter, and removes the Rubbiſh. The Figure is in the Stone, the Sculptor only finds it. What Sculpture is to a Block of Marble, Education is to an humane Soul. The Philoſopher, the Saint, or the Hero, the Wiſe, the Good, or the Great Man, very often lie hid and conceal'd in a Plebeian, which a proper Education might have diſ-interred, and have brought to Light. I am therefore much delighted with reading the Accounts of Savage Nations, and with contemplating thoſe

Virtues which are wild and uncultivated; to ſee Courage exerting it ſelf in Fierceneſs, Reſolution in Obſtinacy, Wiſdom in Cunning, Patience in Sullenneſs and Deſpair.

MEN's Paſſions operate variouſly, and appear in different Kinds of Actions, according as they are more or leſs rectified and ſway'd by Reaſon. When one hears of Negroes, who upon the Death of their Maſters, or upon changing their Service, hang themſelves upon the next Tree, as it frequently happens in our *American* Plantations, who can forbear admiring their Fidelity, though it expreſſes it ſelf in ſo dreadful a Manner? What might not that ſavage Greatneſs of Soul which appears in theſe poor Wretches on many Occaſions, be raiſed to, were it rightly cultivated? And what Colour of Excuſe can there be for the Contempt with which we treat this Part of our Species; That we ſhould not put them upon the common Foot of Humanity, that we ſhould only ſet an inſignificant Fine upon the Man who murders them; nay, that we ſhould, as much as in us lies, cut them off from the Proſpects of Happineſs in another World as well as in this, and deny them that which we look upon as the proper Means for attaining it?

SINCE I am engaged on this Subject, I cannot forbear mentioning a Story which I have lately heard, and which is ſo well atteſted, that I have no manner of Reaſon to ſuſpect the Truth of it. I may call it a Kind of wild Tragedy that paſſed about twelve Years ago at St. *Chriſtophers*, one of our *Britiſh* Leeward Iſlands. The Negroes who were concern'd in it, were all of them the Slaves of a Gentleman who is now in *England*.

THIS Gentleman among his Negroes had a young Woman, who was looked upon as a moſt extraordinary Beauty by thoſe of her own Complexion. He had at the ſame time two young Fellows,

lows, who were likewiſe Negroes and Slaves, remarkable for the Comelineſs of their Perſons, and for the Friendſhip which they bore to one another. It unfortunately happen'd that both of them fell in Love with the Female Negroe above-mentioned, who would have been very glad to have taken either of them for her Husband, provided they could agree between themſelves which ſhould be the Man. But they were both ſo paſſionately in Love with her, that neither of them could think of giving her up to his Rival; and at the ſame time were ſo true to one another, that neither of them would think of gaining her without his Friend's Conſent. The Torments of theſe two Lovers were the Diſcourſe of the Family to which they belonged, who could not forbear obſerving the ſtrange Complication of Paſſions which perplexed the Hearts of the poor Negroes, that often dropped Expreſſions of the Uneaſineſs they underwent, and how impoſſible it was for either of them ever to be happy.

AFTER a long Struggle between Love and Friendſhip, Truth and Jealouſie, they one Day took a Walk together into a Wood, carrying their Miſtreſs along with them: Where, after abundance of Lamentations, they ſtabbed her to the Heart, of which ſhe immediately died. A Slave, who was at his Work not far from the Place where this aſtoniſhing Piece of Cruelty was committed, hearing the Shrieks of the dying Perſon, ran to ſee what was the Occaſion of them. He there diſcovered the Woman lying Dead upon the Ground, with the two Negroes on each Side of her kiſſing the dead Corps, weeping over it, and beating their Breaſts in the utmoſt Agonies of Grief and Deſpair. He immediately ran to the *Engliſh* Family with the News of what he had ſeen; who upon coming to the Place ſaw the Woman dead, and the two Negroes

groes expiring by her with Wounds they had given themſelves.

WE ſee, in this amazing Inſtance of Barbarity, what ſtrange Diſorders are bred in the Minds of thoſe Men whoſe Paſſions are not regulated by Virtue, and diſciplined by Reaſon. Tho' the Action which I have recited is in it ſelf full of Guilt and Horrour, it proceeded from a Temper of Mind which might have produced very noble Fruits, had it been informed and guided by a ſuitable Education.

IT is therefore an unſpeakable Bleſſing to be born in thoſe Parts of the World where Wiſdom and Knowledge flouriſh; tho' it muſt be confeſs'd, there are, even in theſe Parts, ſeveral poor uninſtructed Perſons, who are but little above the Inhabitants of thoſe Nations of which I have been here ſpeaking; as thoſe who have had the Advantages of a more liberal Education, riſe above one another by ſeveral different Degrees of Perfection. For to return to our Statue in the Block of Marble, we ſee it ſometimes only begun to be chipped, ſometimes rough-hewn, and but juſt sketched into an human Figure; ſometimes we ſee the Man appearing diſtinctly in all his Limbs and Features, ſometimes we find the Figure wrought up to a great Elegancy, but ſeldom meet with any to which the Hand of a *Phidias* or a *Praxiteles* could not give ſeveral nice Touches and Finiſhings.

DISCOURSES of Morality, and Reflections upon humane Nature, are the beſt Means we can make uſe of to improve our Minds, and gain a true Knowledge of our ſelves, and conſequently to recover our Souls out of the Vice, Ignorance, and Prejudice which naturally cleave to them. I have all along profeſt my ſelf in this Paper a Promoter of theſe great Ends; and I flatter my ſelf that

that I do from Day to Day contribute ſomething to the poliſhing of Mens Minds; at leaſt my Deſign is laudable, whatever the Execution may be. I muſt confeſs I am not a little encouraged in it by many Letters which I receive from unknown Hands, in Approbation of my Endeavours; and muſt take this Opportunity of returning my Thanks to thoſe who write them, and excuſing my ſelf for not inſerting ſeveral of them in my Papers, which I am ſenſible would be a very great Ornament to them. Should I publiſh the Praiſes which are ſo well penned, they would do Honour to the Perſons who write them, but my publiſhing of them would I fear be a ſufficient Inſtance to the World, that I did not deſerve them. C

N° 216. *Wedneſday, November 7.*

Siquidem hercle poſſis, nil prius, neque fortius;
Verum ſi incipies, neque perficies naviter,
Atque ubi pati non poteris, cum nemo expetet,
Infecta pace ultro ad eam venies indicans
Te amare, & ferre non poſſe: Actum eſt, ilicet.
Periſti: eludet ubi te victum ſenſerit. Ter.

To Mr. Spectator.

SIR,

'THIS is to inform you, that Mr. *Freeman* 'had no ſooner taken Coach, but his Lady 'was taken with a terrible Fit of the Vapours, 'which, 'tis feared, will make her miſcarry, if not 'endanger her Life; therefore, dear Sir, if you 'know of any Receipt that is good againſt this fa'ſhionable reigning Diſtemper, be pleaſed to com'municate it for the Good of the Publick, and you 'will oblige

Yours,

A. Noewill.

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Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Uproar was ſo great aſſoon as I had read the *Spectator* concerning Mrs. *Freeman*, that after many Revolutions in her Temper, of raging, ſwooning, railing, fainting, pitying her ſelf, and reviling her Husband, upon an accidental coming in of a neighbouring Lady (who ſays ſhe has writ to you alſo) ſhe had nothing left for it but to fall in a Fit. I had the Honour to read the Paper to her, and have a pretty good Command of my Countenance and Temper on ſuch Occaſions; and ſoon found my hiſtorical Name to be *Tom Meggot* in your Writings, but concealed my ſelf till I ſaw how it affected Mrs. *Freeman*. She looked frequently at her Husband, as often at me; and ſhe did not tremble as ſhe filled Tea, till ſhe came to the Circumſtance of *Armſtrong*'s writing out a Piece of *Tully* for an Opera Tune: Then ſhe burſt out, She was expoſed, ſhe was deceived, ſhe was wronged and abuſed. The Tea Cup was thrown in the Fire; and without taking Vengeance on her Spouſe, ſhe ſaid of me, That I was a pretending Coxcomb, a Meddler that knew not what it was to interpoſe in ſo nice an Affair as between a Man and his Wife. To which Mr. *Freeman*; Madam, were I leſs fond of you than I am, I ſhould not have taken this Way of writing to the SPECTATOR, to inform a Woman whom God and Nature has placed under my Direction, with what I requeſt of her; but ſince you are ſo indiſcreet as not to take the Hint which I gave you in that Paper, I muſt tell you, Madam, in ſo many Words, that you have for a long and tedious Space of Time acted a Part unſuitable to the Senſe you ought to have of the Subordination in which you are placed. And I muſt acquaint you once for all, that the Fellow

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without, ha *Tom!* (here the Footman entered, and anſwered Madam) Sirrah don't you know my Voice; look upon me when I ſpeak to you: I ſay, Madam, this Fellow here is to know of me my ſelf, whether I am at leiſure to ſee Company or not. I am, from this Hour, Maſter of this Houſe; and my Buſineſs in it, and every where elſe, is to behave my ſelf in ſuch a Manner, as it ſhall be hereafter an Honour to you to bear my Name; and your Pride, that you are the Delight, the Darling, and Ornament of a Man of Honour, uſeful and eſteemed by his Friends; and I no longer one that has buried ſome Merit in the World, in Complaiſance to a froward Humour which has grown upon an agreeable Woman by his Indulgence. Mr. *Freeman* ended this with a Tenderneſs in his Aſpect and a downcaſt Eye, which ſhewed he was extremely moved at the Anguiſh he ſaw her in; for ſhe ſat ſwelling with Paſſion, and her Eyes firmly fixed on the Fire; when I, fearing he would loſe all again, took upon me to provoke her out of that amiable Sorrow ſhe was in to fall upon me; upon which I ſaid very ſeaſonably for my Friend, That indeed Mr. *Freeman* was become the common Talk of the Town; and that nothing was ſo much a Jeſt, as when it was ſaid in Company Mr. *Freeman* had promiſed to come to ſuch a Place. Upon which the good Lady turned her Softneſs into downright Rage, and threw the ſcalding Tea Kettle upon your humble Servant; flew into the middle of the Room, and cried out ſhe was the unfortunateſt of all Women: Others kept Family Diſſatisfactions for Hours of Privacy and Retirement: No Apology was to be made to her, no Expedient to be found, no previous Manner of breaking what was amiſs in her; but all the World was to be acquainted with her Errours,

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'without the leaſt Admonition. Mr. *Freeman* was 'going to make a ſoft'ning Speech, but I interpo- 'ſed. Look you, Madam, I have nothing to ſay 'to this Matter, but you ought to conſider you are 'now paſt a Chicken; this Humour, which was 'well enough in a Girl, is unſufferable in one of 'your motherly Character. With that ſhe loſt all 'Patience, and flew directly at her Husband's Per- 'riwig. I got her in my Arms, and defended my 'Friend: He making Signs at the ſame time that 'it was too much; I beckoning, nodding, and 'frowning over her Shoulder, that he was loſt if 'he did not perſiſt. In this manner we flew round 'and round the Room in a Moment, till the La- 'dy I ſpoke of above and Servants entered; upon 'which ſhe fell on a Couch as breathleſs. I ſtill 'kept up my Friend; but he, with a very ſilly Air, 'bid them bring the Coach to the Door, and we 'went off, I forced to bid the Coachman drive on. 'We were no ſooner come to my Lodgings, but 'all his Wife's Relations came to enquire after 'him; and Mrs. *Freeman*'s Mother writ a Note, 'wherein ſhe thought never to have ſeen this Day, 'and ſo forth.

'In a Word, Sir, I am afraid we are upon a 'thing we have not Talents for; and I can obſerve 'already, my Friend looks upon me rather as a 'Man that knows a Weakneſs of him that he is 'aſhamed of, than one who has reſcued him from 'Slavery. *Mr.* SPECTATOR, I am but a young 'Fellow, and if Mr. *Freeman* ſubmits, I ſhall be 'looked upon as an Incendiary, and never get a 'Wife as long as I breathe. He has indeed ſent 'word home he ſhall lie at *Hamſtead* to Night; 'but I believe Fear of the firſt Onſet after this 'Rupture has too great a Place in this Reſolution. 'Mrs. *Freeman* has a very pretty Siſter; ſuppoſe I 'delivered him up, and articled with the Mother

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'for her for bringing him home. If he has not 'Courage to ſtand it, (you are a great Caſuiſt) is 'it ſuch an ill thing to bring my ſelf off, as well 'as I can? What makes me doubt my Man, is, 'that I find he thinks it reaſonable to expoſtulate 'at leaſt with her; and Captain SENTREY will 'tell you, if you let your Orders be diſputed, you 'are no longer a Commander. I wiſh you could 'adviſe me how to get clear of this Buſineſs hand-'ſomely.

T *Yours*, Tom Meggot.

N° 217. *Thurſday, November* 8.

——Tunc fœmina ſimplex,
Et pariter toto repetitur clamor ab antro.

Juv. Sat. 6.

I Shall entertain my Reader to Day with ſome Letters from my Correſpondents. The firſt of them is the Deſcription of a Club, whether real or imaginary, I cannot determine; but am apt to fancy, that the Writer of it, whoever ſhe is, has formed a kind of nocturnal Orgie out of her own Fancy: Whether this be ſo or not, her Letter may conduce to the Amendment of that Kind of Perſons who are repreſented in it, and whoſe Characters are frequent enough in the World.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'IN ſome of your firſt Papers you were pleaſed 'to give the Publick a very diverting Account 'of ſeveral Clubs and nocturnal Aſſemblies; but 'I am a Member of a Society which has wholly 'eſcaped your Notice. I mean a Club of She-'Romps. We take each a Hackney-Coach, and 'meet once a Week in a large upper Chamber, 'which we hire by the Year for that purpoſe; our

'Landlord and his Family, who are quiet People,
'conſtantly contriving to be abroad on our Club-
'Night. We are no ſooner come together, than
'we throw off all the Modeſty and Reſervedneſs
'with which our Sex are obliged to diſguiſe them-
'ſelves in publick Places. I am not able to expreſs
'the Pleaſure we enjoy from ten at Night till four
'in the Morning, in being as rude as you Men can
'be for your Lives. As our Play runs high, the
'Room is immediately filled with broken Fans,
'torn Petticoats, Lappets of Head-dreſſes, Flounces,
'ces, Furbelows, Garters, and Working-Aprons.
'I had forgot to tell you at firſt, that beſides the
'Coaches we come in our ſelves, there is one
'which ſtands always empty to carry off our *dead*
'*Men*, for ſo we call all thoſe Fragments and Tat-
'ters with which the Room is ſtrew'd, and which
'we pack up together in Bundles, and put into the
'aforeſaid Coach. It is no ſmall Diverſion for us
'to meet the next Night at ſome Member's Cham-
'ber, where every one is to pick out what belong-
'ed to her from this confuſed Bundle of Silks,
'Stuffs, Laces, Ribbands. I have hitherto given
'you an Account of our Diverſion on ordinary
'Club-Nights; but muſt acquaint you further, that
'once a Month we *demoliſh a Prude*, that is, we
'get ſome queer formal Creature in among us,
'and unrig her in an Inſtant. Our laſt Month's
'Prude was ſo armed and fortified in Whale-bone
'and Buckram, that we had much ado to come
'at her; but you would have died with laughing
'to have ſeen how the ſober aukward Thing look-
'ed when ſhe was forced out of her Intrenchments.
'In ſhort, Sir, it is impoſſible to give you a true
'Notion of our Sport, unleſs you would come
'one Night amongſt us; and tho' it be directly
'againſt the Rules of our Society to admit a Male
'Viſitant, we repoſe ſo much Confidence in your
'Silence

'Silence and Taciturnity, that 'twas agreed by the 'whole Club, at our laſt Meeting, to give you 'Entrance for one Night as a Spectator.

I am your humble Servant,

Kitty Termagant.

P.S. *We ſhall demoliſh a Prude next* Thurſday.

THO' I thank *Kitty* for her kind Offer, I do not at preſent find in my ſelf an Inclination to venture my Perſon with her and her romping Companions. I ſhould regard my ſelf as a ſecond *Clodius* intruding on the myſterious Rites of the *Bona Dea*, and ſhould apprehend being *demoliſhed* as much as the *Prude*.

THE following Letter comes from a Gentleman, whoſe Taſte I find is much too delicate to endure the leaſt Advance towards Romping. I may perhaps hereafter improve upon the Hint he has given me, and make it the Subject of a whole *Spectator*; in the mean time take it as it follows in his own Words.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'IT is my Misfortune to be in Love with a young 'Creature who is daily committing Faults, 'which, tho' they give me the utmoſt Uneaſineſs, 'I know not how to reprove her for, or even ac-'quaint her with. She is pretty, dreſſes well, is 'rich, and good-humour'd; but either wholly ne-'glects, or has no Notion of that which polite 'People have agreed to diſtinguiſh by the Name 'of *Delicacy*. After our Return from a Walk the 'other Day, ſhe threw her ſelf into an Elbow-'Chair, and profeſſed before a large Company, that '*ſhe was all over in a Sweat*. She told me this Af-'ternoon that *her Stomach ak'd*; and was com-'plaining Yeſterday at Dinner of ſomething that

'*ſtuck in her Teeth.* I treated her with a Basket 'of Fruit laſt Summer, which ſhe eat ſo very gree- 'dily, as almoſt made me reſolve never to ſee her 'more. In ſhort, Sir, I begin to tremble when- 'ever I ſee her about to ſpeak or move. As ſhe 'does not want Senſe, if ſhe takes theſe Hints, I 'am happy; if not, I am more than afraid, that 'thoſe Things which ſhock me even in the Beha- 'viour of a Miſtreſs, will appear inſupportable in 'that of a Wife. *I am, SIR, yours*, &c.

My next Letter comes from a Correſpondent whom I cannot but very much value, upon the Account which ſhe gives of her ſelf.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am happily arrived at a State of Tranquillity, ' which few People envy, I mean that of an 'old Maid; therefore being wholly unconcerned 'in all that Medly of Follies which our Sex is apt 'to contract from their ſilly Fondneſs of yours, I 'read your Ralleries on us without Provocation. 'I can ſay with *Hamlet*,

——Man delights not me,
Nor Woman neither——

'Therefore, dear Sir, as you never ſpare your own 'Sex, do not be afraid of reproving what is ridi- 'culous in ours, and you will oblige at leaſt one 'Woman, who is

Your humble Servant,
Suſanna Froſt.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am Wife to a Clergyman, and cannot help ' thinking, that in your Tenth or Tithe Cha- 'racter of Womankind you meant my ſelf, there- 'fore I have no Quarrel againſt you for the other 'Nine Characters.

X *Your humble Servant*, A. B.

Friday,

N° 218. *Friday, November* 9.

Quod de quoque viro, et cui dicas ſæpe caveto.
Hor.

I Happened the other Day, as my Way is, to ſtrole into a little Coffee-houſe beyond *Aldgate*; and as I ſat there, two or three very plain ſenſible Men were talking of the *Spectator*. One ſaid, he had that Morning drawn the great Benefit Ticket; another wiſhed he had; but a third ſhaked his Head and ſaid, It was pity that the Writer of that Paper was ſuch a ſort of Man, that it was no great Matter whether he had it or no. He is, it ſeems, ſaid the good Man, the moſt extravagant Creature in the World; has run through vaſt Sums, and yet been in continual Want; a Man, for all he talks ſo well of Oeconomy, unfit for any of the Offices of Life by reaſon of his Profuſeneſs. It would be an unhappy thing to be his Wife, his Child, or his Friend; and yet he talks as well of thoſe Duties of Life as any one. Much Reflection has brought me to ſo eaſy a Contempt for every thing which is falſe, that this heavy Accuſation gave me no manner of Uneaſineſs; but at the ſame time it threw me into deep Thought upon the Subject of Fame in general; and I could not but pity ſuch as were ſo weak, as to value what the common People ſay out of their own talkative Temper, to the Advantage or Diminution of thoſe whom they mention, without being moved either by Malice or Good-will. It will be too long to expatiate upon the Senſe all Mankind have of Fame, and the inexpreſſible Pleaſure which there is in the Approbation of worthy Men, to all who are capable of worthy Actions; but methinks one may divide the general Word Fame into three different Species, as it regards the different Orders of Mankind who have any thing

to do with it. Fame therefore may be divided into Glory, which reſpects the Hero; Reputation, which is preſerved by every Gentleman; and Credit, which muſt be ſupported by every Tradeſman. Theſe Poſſeſſions in Fame are dearer than Life to thoſe Characters of Men, or rather are the Life of theſe Characters. Glory, while the Hero purſues great and noble Enterprizes, is impregnable; and all the Aſſailants of his Renown do but ſhew their Pain and Impatience of its Brightneſs, without throwing the leaſt Shade upon it. If the Foundation of an high-Name be Virtue and Service, all that is offered againſt it is but Rumour, which is too ſhort-liv'd to ſtand up in Competition with Glory, which is everlaſting.

REPUTATION, which is the Portion of every Man who would live with the elegant and knowing Part of Mankind, is as ſtable as Glory, if it be as well founded; and the common Cauſe of humane Society, is thought concerned when we hear a Man of good Behaviour calumniated: Beſides which, according to a prevailing Cuſtom amongſt us, every Man has his Defence in his own Arm; and Reproach is ſoon checked, put out of Countenance, and overtaken by Diſgrace.

THE moſt unhappy of all Men, and the moſt expoſed to the Malignity or Wantonneſs of the common Voice, is the Trader. Credit is undone in Whiſpers. The Tradeſman's Wound is received from one who is more private and more cruel than the Ruffian with the Lanthorn and Dagger. The manner of repeating a Man's Name, *as Mr.* Caſh, *Oh! do you leave your Money at his Shop? Why do you know Mr.* Searoom? *He is indeed a general Merchant.* I ſay, I have ſeen, from the Iteration of a Man's Name, hiding one Thought of him, and explaining what you hide, by ſaying ſomething to his Advantage when you ſpeak, a Mer-

Merchant hurt in his Credit; and him who, every Day he lived, literally added to the Value of his native Country, undone by one who was only a Burthen and a Blemiſh to it. Since every Body who knows the World is ſenſible of this great Evil, how careful ought a Man to be in his Language of a Merchant? It may poſſibly be in the Power of a very ſhallow Creature to lay the Ruin of the beſt Family in the moſt opulent City; and the more ſo, the more highly he deſerves of his Country; that is to ſay, the farther he places his Wealth out of his Hands, to draw home that of another Climate.

IN this Caſe an ill Word may change Plenty into Want. and by a raſh Sentence a free and generous Fortune may in a few Days be reduced to Beggary. How little does a giddy Prater imagine, that an idle Phraſe to the Diſfavour of a Merchant, may be as pernicious in the Conſequence, as the Forgery of a Deed to bar an Inheritance would be to a Gentleman? Land ſtands where it did before a Gentleman was calumniated, and the State of a great Action is juſt as it was before Calumny was offered to diminiſh it, and there is Time, Place, and Occaſion, expected to unravel all that is contrived againſt thoſe Characters; but the Trader who is ready only for probable Demands upon him, can have no Armour againſt the Inquiſitive, the Malicious, and the Envious, who are prepared to fill the Cry to his Diſhonour. Fire and Sword are ſlow Engines of Deſtruction, in Compariſon of the Babbler in the Caſe of the Merchant.

FOR this Reaſon, I thought it an imitable Piece of Humanity of a Gentleman of my Acquaintance, who had great Variety of Affairs, and uſed to talk with Warmth enough againſt Gentlemen by whom he thought himſelf ill dealt with; that he would never let any Thing be urged againſt a Merchant

chant (with whom he had any Difference) except in a Court of Juſtice. He uſed to ſay, that to ſpeak ill of a Merchant, was to begin his Suit with Judgment and Execution. One cannot, I think, ſay more on this Occaſion, than to repeat, That the Merit of the Merchant is above that of all other Subjects; for while he is untouched in his Credit, his Hand-writing is a more portable Coin for the Service of his Fellow-Citizens, and his Word the Gold of *Ophir* in the Country wherein he reſides.

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N° 219. *Saturday, November* 10.

Vix ea noſtra voco—— Ov.

THERE are but few Men who are not ambitious of diſtinguiſhing themſelves in the Nation or Country where they live, and of growing conſiderable among thoſe with whom they converſe. There is a kind of Grandeur and Reſpect, which the meaneſt and moſt inſignificant Part of Mankind endeavour to procure in the little Circle of their Friends and Acquaintance. The pooreſt Mechanick, nay, the Man who lives upon common Alms, gets him his Set of Admirers, and delights in that Superiority which he enjoys over thoſe who are in ſome Reſpects beneath him. This Ambition, which is natural to the Soul of Man, might, methinks, receive a very happy Turn; and, if it were rightly directed, contribute as much to a Perſon's Advantage, as it generally does to his Uneaſineſs and Diſquiet.

I ſhall therefore put together ſome Thoughts on this Subject, which I have not met with in other Writers; and ſhall ſet them down as they have occurred to me, without being at the Pains to connect or methodiſe them.

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ALL Superiority and Preeminence that one Man can have over another, may be reduced to the Notion of *Quality*, which, conſidered at large, is either that of Fortune, Body, or Mind. The firſt is that which conſiſts in Birth, Title, or Riches; and is the moſt foreign to our Natures, and what we can the leaſt call our own of any of the three Kinds of Quality. In relation to the Body, Quality ariſes from Health, Strength, or Beauty; which are nearer to us, and more a Part of our ſelves than the former. Quality, as it regards the Mind, has its Riſe from Knowledge or Virtue; and is that which is more eſſential to us, and more intimately united with us than either of the other two.

THE Quality of Fortune, tho' a Man has leſs Reaſon to value himſelf upon it than on that of the Body or Mind, is however the Kind of Quality which makes the moſt ſhining Figure in the Eye of the World.

AS Virtue is the moſt reaſonable and genuine Source of Honour, we generally find in Titles an Intimation of ſome particular Merit that ſhould recommend Men to the high Stations which they poſſeſs. Holineſs is aſcribed to the Pope; Majeſty to Kings; Serenity or Mildneſs of Temper to Princes; Excellence or Perfection to Ambaſſadors; Grace to Arch-Biſhops; Honour to Peers, Worſhip or Venerable Behaviour to Magiſtrates; and Reverence, which is of the ſame Import as the former, to the inferior Clergy.

IN the Founders of great Families, ſuch Attributes of Honour are generally correſpondent with the Virtues of that Perſon to whom they are applied; but in the Deſcendants they are too often the Marks rather of Grandeur than of Merit. The Stamp and Denomination ſtill continues, but the intrinſick Value is frequently loſt.

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THE Death-Bed ſhews the Emptineſs of Titles in a true Light. A poor diſpirited Sinner lies trembling under the Apprehenſions of the State he is entring on; and is asked by a grave Attendant how his Holineſs does? Another hears himſelf addreſſed to under the Title of Highneſs or Excellency, who lies under ſuch mean Circumſtances of Mortality as are the Diſgrace of humane Nature. Titles at ſuch a Time look rather like Inſults and Mockery than Reſpect.

THE Truth of it is, Honours are in this World under no Regulation; true Quality is neglected, Virtue is oppreſſed, and Vice triumphant. The laſt Day will rectify this Diſorder, and aſſign to every one a Station ſuitable to the Dignity of his Character; Ranks will be then adjuſted, and Precedency ſet right.

METHINKS we ſhould have an Ambition, if not to Advance our ſelves in another World at leaſt to preſerve our Poſt in it, and outſhine our Inferiours in Virtue here, that they may not be put above us in a State which is to ſettle the Diſtinction for Eternity.

MEN in Scripture are called *Strangers* and *Sojourners upon Earth*, and Life a *Pilgrimage*. Several Heathen, as well as Chriſtian Authors, under the ſame kind of Metaphor, have repreſented the World as an Inn, which was only deſigned to furniſh us with Accommodations in this our Paſſage. It is therefore very abſurd to think of ſetting up our Reſt before we come to our Journey's End; and not rather to take Care of the Reception we ſhall there meet with, than to fix our Thoughts on the little Conveniences and Advantages which we enjoy one above another in the Way to it.

EPICTETUS makes uſe of another Kind of Alluſion, which is very beautiful, and wonderfully proper to incline us to be ſatisfied with the Poſ-

in which Providence has placed us. We are here, ſays he, as in a Theatre, where every one has a Part allotted to him. The great Duty which lies upon a Man is to act his Part in Perfection. We may indeed ſay, that our Part does not ſuit us, and that we could act another better, But this (ſays the Philoſopher) is not our Buſineſs. All that we are concerned in is to excell in the Part which is given us. If it be an improper one, the Fault is not in us, but in him who has *caſt* our ſeveral Parts, and is the great Diſpoſer of the Drama.

THE Part which was acted by this Philoſopher himſelf was but a very indifferent one, for he lived and died a Slave. His Motive to Contentment in this Particular, receives a very great Inforcement from the above-mentioned Conſideration, if we remember that our Parts in the other World will be *new caſt*, and that Mankind will be there ranged in different Stations of Superiority and Preeminence, in Proportion as they have here excelled one another in Virtue, and performed in their ſeveral Poſts of Life the Duties which belong to them.

THERE are many beautiful Paſſages in the little Apocryphal Book, entituled, *The Wiſdom of* Solomon, to ſet forth the Vanity of Honour, and the like temporal Bleſſings, which are in ſo great Repute among Men, and to comfort thoſe who have not the Poſſeſſion of them. It repreſents in very warm and noble Terms this Advancement of a good Man in the other World, and the great Surprize which it will produce among thoſe who are his Superiors in this. 'Then ſhall the righteous Man 'ſtand in great Boldneſs before the Face of ſuch as 'have afflicted him, and made no Account of his 'Labours. When they ſee it, they ſhall be trou-'bled with terrible Fear, and ſhall be amazed at 'the Strangeneſs of his Salvation, ſo far beyond 'all that they looked for. And they repenting and

'groan-

'groaning for Anguiſh of Spirit, ſhall ſay within 'themſelves; This was he whom we had ſome 'time in Deriſion, and a Proverb of Reproach. 'We Fools account his Life Madneſs, and his 'End to be without Honour. How is he num-'bred among the Children of God, and his Lot 'is among the Saints!

IF the Reader would ſee the Deſcription of a Life that is paſſed away in Vanity, and among the Shadows of Pomp and Greatneſs, he may ſee it very finely drawn in the ſame Place. In the mean Time, ſince it is neceſſary in the preſent Conſtitution of Things, that Order and Diſtinction ſhould be kept up in the World, we ſhould be happy, if thoſe who enjoy the upper Stations in it, would endeavour to ſurpaſs others in Virtue, as much as in Rank, and by their Humanity and Condeſcenſion make their Superiority eaſy and acceptable to thoſe who are beneath them; and if, on the contrary, thoſe who are in the meaner Poſts of Life, would conſider how they may better their Condition hereafter, and by a juſt Deference aud Submiſſion to their Superiors, make them happy in thoſe Bleſſings with which Providence has thought fit to diſtinguiſh them. C

N°. 220. *Monday, November* 12.

Rumoreſque ſerit varios —— Virg.

SIR,

'WHY will you apply to my Father for my 'Love? I cannot help it if he will give 'you my Perſon; but I aſſure you it is not in his 'Power, nor even in my own, to give you my 'Heart. Dear Sir, do but conſider the ill Conſe-'quence of ſuch a Match; you are Fifty five, I 'Twenty one. You are a Man of Buſineſs, and 'mightily converſant in Arithmetick and making Calcu-

'Calculations; be pleaſed therefore to conſider 'what Proportion your Spirits bear to mine; and 'when you have made a juſt Eſtimate of the ne-'ceſſary Decay on one Side, and the Redundance 'on the other, you will act accordingly. This, 'perhaps, is ſuch Language as you may not expect 'from a young Lady; but my Happineſs is at Stake, 'and I muſt talk plainly. I mortally hate you; 'and ſo, as you and my Father agree, you may 'take me or leave me: But if you will be ſo good 'as never ſo ſee me more, you will for ever o-'blige,

SIR, Your moſt humble Servant,

Henrietta.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THERE are ſo many Artifices and Modes 'of falſe Wit, and ſuch a Variety of Hu-'mour diſcovers it ſelf among its Votaries, that it 'would be impoſſible to exhauſt ſo fertile a Sub-'ject, if you would think fit to reſume it. The 'following Inſtances may, if you think fit, be ad-'ded by Way of Appendix to your Diſcourſes on 'that Subject.

'THAT Feat of Poetical Activity, mentioned 'by *Horace*, of an Author who could compoſe 'two hundred Verſes while he ſtood upon one 'Leg, has been imitated (as I have heard) by a 'Modern Writer; who priding himſelf on the 'Hurry of his Invention, thought it no ſmall Ad-'dition to his Fame to have each Piece minuted 'with the exact Number of Hours or Days it coſt 'him in the Compoſition. He could taſte no Praiſe 'till he had acquainted you in how ſhort a Space of 'Time he had deſerved it; and was not ſo much 'led to an Oſtentation of his Art, as of his Diſ-'patch.

——— *Accipe ſi vis,*
Accipe jam tabulas; detur nobis locus, & hora,
Cuſtodes: videamus uter plus ſcribere poſſit.
Hor.

'THIS was the whole of his Ambition; and 'therefore I cannot but think the Flights of this 'rapid Author very proper to be oppoſed to thoſe 'laborious Nothings which you have obſerved 'were the Delight of the *German* Wits, and in 'which they ſo happily got rid of ſuch a tedious 'Quantity of their Time.

'I have known a Gentleman of another Turn 'of Humour, who, deſpiſing the Name of an Au-'thor, never printed his Works, but contracted 'his Talent, and by the Help of a very fine Dia-'mond which he wore on his little Finger, was a 'conſiderable Poet upon Glaſs. He had a very 'good epigrammatick Wit; and there was not a 'Parlour or Tavern Window where he viſited or 'dined for ſome Years, which did not receive ſome 'Sketches or Memorials of it. It was his Misfor-'tune at laſt to loſe his Genius and his Ring to a 'Sharper at Play, and he has not attempted to make 'a Verſe ſince.

'BUT of all Contractions or Expedients for 'Wit, I admire that of an ingenious Projector 'whoſe Book I have ſeen. This Virtuoſo being a 'Mathematician, has, according to his Taſte, 'thrown the Art of Poetry into a ſhort Problem, 'and contrived Tables by which any one, with-'out knowing a Word of Grammar or Senſe, may, 'to his great Comfort, be able to compoſe, or ra-'ther to erect Latin Verſes. His Tables are a 'Kind of Poetical Logarithms, which being divi-'ded into ſeveral Squares, and all inſcribed with 'ſo many incoherent Words, appear to the Eye 'ſomewhat like a Fortunetelling Screen. What

'a Joy muſt it be to the unlearned Operator, to 'find that theſe Words, being carefully collected 'and writ down in Order according to the Prob-'lem, ſtart of themſelves into Hexameter and Pen-'tameter Verſes? A Friend of mine, who is a Stu-'dent in Aſtrology, meeting with this Book, per-'formed the Operation by the Rules there ſet 'down; he ſhewed his Verſes to the next of his 'Acquaintance, who happened to underſtand La-'tin; and being informed they deſcribed a Tem-'peſt of Wind, very luckily prefixed them, toge-'ther with a Tranſlation, to an Almanack he 'was juſt then Printing, and was ſuppoſed to have 'foretold the laſt great Storm.

'I think the only Improvement beyond this, 'would be that which the late Duke of *Bucking-'ham* mentioned to a ſtupid Pretender to Poetry, 'as the Project of a *Dutch* Mechanick, *viz.* a 'Mill to make Verſes. This being the moſt com-'pendious Method of all which have yet been pro-'poſed, may deſerve the Thoughts of our Modern 'Virtuoſi who are employed in new Diſcoveries 'for the publick Good; and it may be worth the 'while to conſider, whether, in an Iſland where 'few are content without being thought Wits, it 'will not be a common Benefit, that Wit as well 'as Labour ſhould be made cheap.

I am, SIR,

Your humble Servant, &c.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Often dine at a Gentleman's Houſe, where 'there are two young Ladies, in themſelves ve-'ry agreeable, but very cold in their Behaviour, 'becauſe they underſtand me for a Perſon that is 'to break my Mind, as the Phraſe is, very ſudden-'ly to one of them. But I take this Way to ac-'quaint them, that I am not in Love with either

' of them, in Hopes they will uſe me with that a-
' greeable Freedom and Indifference which they
' do all the reſt of the World, and not to drink to
' one another only, but ſometimes caſt a kind
' Look, with their Service to,

SIR, Your humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a young Gentleman, and take it for a Piece
' of good Breeding to pull off my Hat when
' I ſee any Thing peculiarly charming in any Wo-
' man, whether I know her or not. I take care
' that there is nothing ludicrous or arch in my
' Manner, as if I were to betray a Woman into a
' Salutation by Way of Jeſt or Humour; and yet
' except I am acquainted with her, I find ſhe ever
' takes it for a Rule, that ſhe is to look upon this
' Civility and Homage I pay to her ſuppoſed Me-
' rit, as an Impertinence or Forwardneſs which
' ſhe is to obſerve and neglect. I wiſh, Sir, you
' would ſettle the Buſineſs of Salutation; and pleaſe
' to inform me how I ſhall reſiſt the ſudden Im-
' pulſe I have to be civil to what gives an Idea of
' Merit; or tell theſe Creatures how to behave
' themſelves in Return to the Eſteem I have for
' them. My Affairs are ſuch, that your Deciſion
' will be a Favour to me, if it be only to ſave the
' unneceſſary Expence of wearing out my Hat ſo
' faſt as I do at preſent,

I am,

SIR,

Yours, T. D.

'THERE are ſome that do know me, and
' won't bow to me. T

Tueſday,

N° 221. *Tueſday, November* 13.

——Ab Ovo
Uſque ad Mala—— Hor.

WHEN I have finiſhed any of my Speculations, it is my Method to conſider which of the ancient Authors have touched upon the Subject that I treat of. By this means I meet with ſome celebrated Thought upon it, or a Thought of my own expreſſed in better Words, or ſome Similitude for the Illuſtration of my Subject. This is what gives Birth to the Motto of a Speculation, which I rather chuſe to take out of the Poets than the Proſe Writers, as the former generally give a finer Turn to a Thought than the latter, and by couching it in few Words, and in harmonious Numbers, make it more portable to the Memory.

MY Reader is therefore ſure to meet with at leaſt one good Line in every Paper, and very often finds his Imagination entertained by a Hint that awakens in his Memory ſome beautiful Paſſage of a Claſſick Author.

IT was a Saying of an ancient Philoſopher, which I find ſome of our Writers have aſcribed to Queen *Elizabeth*, who perhaps might have taken occaſion to repeat it, That a good Face is a Letter of Recommendation. It naturally makes the Beholders inquiſitive into the Perſon who is the Owner of it, and generally prepoſſeſſes them in his Favour. A handſome Motto has the ſame Effect. Beſides that, it always gives a ſupernumerary Beauty to a Paper, and is ſometimes in a manner neceſſary when the Writer is engaged in what may appear a Paradox to vulgar Minds, as it ſhews that he is ſupported by good Authorities, and is not ſingular in his Opinion.

I muſt confeſs the Motto is of little Uſe to an unlearned Reader; for which Reaſon I conſider it only as *a Word to the Wiſe*. But as for my unlearned Friends, if they cannot reliſh the Motto, I take Care to make Proviſion for them in the Body of my Paper. If they do not underſtand the Sign that is hung out, they know very well by it, that they may meet with Entertainment in the Houſe; and I think I was never better pleaſed than with a plain Man's Compliment, who upon his Friend's telling him that he would like the *Spectator* much better if he underſtood the Motto, replied, *That good Wine needs no Buſh.*

I have heard of a Couple of Preachers in a Country Town, who endeavoured which ſhould outſhine one another, and draw together the greateſt Congregation. One of them being well verſed in the Fathers, uſed to quote every now and then a *Latin* Sentence to his illiterate Hearers, who it ſeems found themſelves ſo edified by it, that they flocked in greater Numbers to this learned Man than to his Rival. The other finding his Congregation mouldering every *Sunday*, and hearing at length what was the Occaſion of it, reſolved to give his Pariſh a little *Latin* in his Turn; but being unacquainted with any of the Fathers, he digeſted into his Sermons the whole Book of *Quæ Genus*, adding however ſuch Explications to it as he thought might be for the Benefit of his People. He afterwards entred upon *As in præſenti*, which he converted in the ſame Manner to the Uſe of his Pariſhioners. This in a very little time thickened his Audience, filled his Church, and routed his Antagoniſt.

THE natural Love to *Latin*, which is ſo prevalent in our common People, makes me think that my Speculations fare never the worſe among them for that little Scrap which appears at the Head of them; and what the more encourages me in the

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Uſe of Quotations in an unknown Tongue, is, that I hear the Ladies, whoſe Approbation I value more than that of the whole learned World, declare themſelves in a more particular manner pleaſed with my *Greek* Motto's.

DESIGNING this Day's Work for a Diſſertation upon the two Extremities of my Paper, and having already diſpatched my Motto, I ſhall, in the next Place, diſcourſe upon thoſe ſingle Capital Letters which are placed at the End of it, and which have afforded great Matter of Speculation to the Curious. I have heard various Conjectures upon this Subject. Some tell us, that C is the Mark of thoſe Papers that are written by the Clergyman, though others aſcribe them to the Club in general. That the Papers marked with R were written by my Friend Sir ROGER: That L ſignifies the Lawyer, whom I have deſcribed in my ſecond Speculation; and that T ſtands for the Trader or Merchant: But the Letter X which is placed at the End of ſome few of my Papers, is that which has puzzled the whole Town, as they cannot think of any Name which begins with that Letter except *Xenophon* and *Xerxes*, who can neither of them be ſuppoſed to have had any Hand in theſe Speculations.

IN Anſwer to theſe inquiſitive Gentlemen, who have many of them made Enquiries of me by Letter, I muſt tell them the Reply of an ancient Philoſopher, who carried ſomething hidden under his Cloak. A certain Acquaintance deſiring him to let him know what it was he covered ſo carefully; *I cover it*, ſays he, *on purpoſe that you ſhould not know*. I have made uſe of theſe obſcure Marks for the ſame Purpoſe. They are, perhaps, little Amulets or Charms to preſerve the Paper againſt the Faſcination and Malice of evil Eyes; for which Reaſon I would not have my Reader ſurprized, if hereafter he ſees any of my Papers marked with a

Q, a Z, a Y, an &c. or with the Word *Abracadabra*.

I ſhall, however, ſo far explain my ſelf to the Reader, as to let him know that the Letters C, L, and X are Cabaliſtical, and carry more in them than it is proper for the World to be acquainted with. Thoſe who are verſed in the Philoſophy of *Pythagoras*, and ſwear by the *Tetrachtys*, that is, the Number four, will know very well that the Number *Ten*, which is ſignified by the Letter X, (and which has ſo much perplexed the Town) has in it many particular Powers; that it is called by Platonick Writers the Compleat Number; that one, two, three and four put together make up the Number Ten, and that Ten is all. But theſe are not Myſteries for ordinary Readers to be let into. A Man muſt have ſpent many Years in hard Study before he can arrive at the Knowledge of them.

We had a Rabinnical Divine in *England*, who was Chaplain to the Earl of *Eſſex* in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, that had an admirable Head for Secrets of this Nature. Upon his taking the Doctor of Divinity's Degree, he preached before the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, upon the 1ſt Verſe of the 1ſt Chapter of the 1ſt Book of *Chronicles*, in which, ſays he, you will ſee the three following Words,

Adam, *Sheth*, *Enoſh*.

He divided this ſhort Text into many Parts, and by diſcovering ſeveral Myſteries in each Word, made a moſt learned and elaborate Diſcourſe. The Name of this profound Preacher was Doctor *Alabaſter*, of whom the Reader may find a more particular Account in Doctor *Fuller*'s Book of *Engliſh* Worthies. This Inſtance will, I hope, convince my Readers that there may be a great deal of fine Writing in the Capital Letters which bring up the Rear of my Paper, and give them ſome Satisfaction in that Particular. But as for the full Explication

plication of theſe Matters, I muſt refer them to Time, which diſcovers all Things. C

N° 222. *Wedneſday, November* 14.

Cur alter fratrum ceſſare, & ludere, & ungi,
Præferat Herodis palmetis pinguibus—— Hor.

'THERE is one Thing I have often looked 'for in your Papers, and have as often wondered to find my ſelf diſappointed; the rather, becauſe I think it a Subject every way agreeable 'to your Deſign, and by being left unattempted by 'others, ſeems reſerved as a proper Employment 'for you: I mean a Diſquiſition, from whence it 'proceeds, that Men of the brighteſt Parts, and 'moſt comprehenſive Genius, compleatly furniſhed with Talents for any Province in humane Affairs; ſuch as by their wiſe Leſſons of Oeconomy to others have made it evident that they have 'the juſteſt Notions of Life, and of true Senſe in 'the Conduct of it———; from what unhappy 'contradictious Cauſe it proceeds, that Perſons 'thus finiſhed by Nature and by Art ſhould ſo often fail in the Management of that which they ſo 'well underſtand, and want the Addreſs to make 'a right Application of their own Rules. This is 'certainly a prodigious Inconſiſtency in Behaviour, 'and makes much ſuch a Figure in Morals as a 'monſtrous Birth in Naturals, with this Difference 'only, which greatly aggravates the Wonder, that 'it happens much more frequently; and what a 'Blemiſh does it caſt upon Wit and Learning in 'the general Account of the World? And in how 'diſadvantagious a Light does it expoſe them to 'the buſy Claſs of Mankind, that there ſhould be 'ſo many Inſtances of Perſons who have ſo conducted their Lives in ſpight of theſe tranſcendent 'Advantages, as neither to be happy in themſelves,

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'nor uſeful to their Friends; when every Body 'ſees it was intirely in their own Power to be emi-'nent in both theſe Characters? For my part, I 'think there is no Reflection more aſtoniſhing, than 'to conſider one of theſe Gentlemen ſpending a 'fair Fortune, running in every Body's Debt with-'out the leaſt Apprehenſion of a future Reckon-'ing, and at laſt leaving not only his own Chil-'dren, but poſſibly thoſe of other People, by his 'Means, in ſtarving Circumſtances; while a Fel-'low whom one would ſcarce ſuſpect to have a 'humane Soul, ſhall perhaps raiſe a vaſt Eſtate out 'of nothing, and be the Founder of a Family ca-'pable of being very conſiderable in their Country, 'and doing many illuſtrious Services to it. That 'this Obſervation is juſt, Experience has put it be-'yond all Diſpute. But though the Fact be ſo evi-'dent and glaring, yet the Cauſes of it are ſtill in 'the Dark; which makes me perſuade my ſelf, 'that it would be no unacceptabe Piece of Enter-'tainment to the Town, to enquire into the hid-'den Sources of ſo unaccountable an Evil.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WHAT this Correſpondent wonders at, has been Matter of Admiration ever ſince there was any ſuch thing as humane Life. *Horace* reflects upon this Inconſiſtency very agreeably in the Character of *Tigellius*, whom he makes a mighty Pretender to Oeconomy, and tells you, you might one Day hear him ſpeak the moſt philoſophick Things imaginable concerning being contented with a Little, and his Contempt of every thing but mere Neceſſaries, and in half a Week after ſpend a thouſand Pound. When he ſays this of him with relation to Expence, he deſcribes him as unequal to himſelf in every other Circumſtance of Life. And indeed, if we conſider

conſider laviſh Men carefully, we ſhall find it always proceeds from a certain Incapacity of poſſeſſing themſelves, and finding Enjoyment in their own Minds. Mr. *Dryden* has expreſſed this very excellently in the Character of *Zimri*.

A Man ſo various, that he ſeem'd to be
Not one, but all Mankind's Epitome.
Stiff in Opinion, always in the Wrong,
Was every thing by Starts, and nothing long;
But in the Courſe of one revolving Moon,
Was Chymiſt, Fidler, Stateſman, and Buffoon.
Then all for Women, Painting, Rhiming, Drinking,
Beſides ten thouſand Freaks that dy'd in thinking,
Bleſt Madman, who could every Hour employ,
In ſomething new to wiſh or to enjoy!
In ſquandring Wealth was his peculiar Art,
Nothing went unrewarded but Deſert.

THIS looſe State of the Soul hurries the Extravagant from one Purſuit to another; and the Reaſon that his Expences are greater than another's, is, that his Wants are alſo more numerous. But what makes ſo many go on in this Way to their Lives End, is, that they certainly do not know how contemptible they are in the Eyes of the reſt of Mankind, or rather, that indeed they are not ſo contemptible as they deſerve. *Tully* ſays, it is the greateſt Wickedneſs to leſſen your paternal Eſtate. And if a Man would thoroughly conſider how much worſe than Baniſhment it muſt be to his Child, to ride by the Eſtate which ſhould have been his, had it not been for his Father's Injuſtice to him, he would be ſmitten with the Reflection more deeply than can be underſtood by any but one who is a Father. Sure there can be nothing more afflicting than to think it had been happier for his Son to have been born of any other Man living than himſelf.

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IT is not perhaps much thought of, but it is certainly a very important Leſſon to learn how to enjoy ordinary Life, and to be able to reliſh your Being without the Tranſport of ſome Paſſion, or Gratification of ſome Appetite. For want of this Capacity, the World is filled with Whetters, Tipplers, Cutters, Sippers, and all the numerous Train of thoſe who, for want of Thinking, are forced to be ever exerciſing their Feeling or Taſting. It would be hard on this Occaſion to mention the harmleſs Smoakers of Tobacco and Takers of Snuff.

THE ſlower Part of Mankind, whom my Correſpondent wonders ſhould get Eſtates, are the more immediately formed for that Purſuit: They can expect diſtant Things without Impatience, becauſe they are not carried out of their Way either by violent Paſſion, or keen Appetite to any thing. To Men addicted to Delights, Buſineſs is an Interruption; to ſuch as are cold to Delight, Buſineſs is an Entertainment. For which Reaſon it was ſaid to one who commended a dull Man for his Application, *No Thanks to him; if he had no Buſineſs, he would have nothing to do.* T

N° 223. *Thurſday, November* 15.

O ſuavis anima! qualem te dicam bonam
Antehac fuiſſe, tales cùm ſint reliquiæ. Phæd.

WHEN I reflect upon the various Fate of thoſe Multitudes of ancient Writers who flouriſhed in *Greece* and *Italy*, I conſider Time as an immenſe Ocean, in which many noble Authors are entirely ſwallowed up, many very much ſhattered and damaged, ſome quite diſjointed and broken into Pieces, while ſome have wholly eſcaped the common Wreck; but the Number of the laſt is very ſmall.

Apparent rari nantes in gurgite vaſto.

AMONG the mutilated Poets of Antiquity, there is none whoſe Fragments are ſo beautiful as thoſe of *Sappho*. They give us a Taſte of her Way of Writing, which is perfectly conformable with that extraordinary Character we find of her, in the Remarks of thoſe great Criticks who were converſant with her Works when they were entire. One may ſee, by what is left of them, that ſhe followed Nature in all her Thoughts, without deſcending to thoſe little Points, Conceits, and Turns of Wit with which many of our modern Lyricks are ſo miſerably infected. Her Soul ſeems to have been made up of Love and Poetry: She felt the Paſſion in all its Warmth, and deſcribed it in all its Symptoms. She is called by ancient Authors the Tenth Muſe; and by *Plutarch* is compared to *Cacus* the Son of *Vulcan*, who breath'd out nothing but Flame. I do not know, by the Character that is given of her Works, whether it is not for the Benefit of Mankind that they are loſt. They were filled with ſuch bewitching Tenderneſs and Rapture, that it might have been dangerous to have given them a Reading.

AN inconſtant Lover, called *Phaon*, occaſioned great Calamities to this poetical Lady. She fell deſperately in Love with him, and took a Voyage into *Sicily* in purſuit of him, he having withdrawn himſelf thither on purpoſe to avoid her. It was in that Iſland, and on this Occaſion, ſhe is ſuppoſed to have made the Hymn to *Venus*, with a Tranſlation of which I ſhall preſent my Reader. Her Hymn was ineffectual for the procuring that Happineſs which ſhe prayed for in it. *Phaon* was ſtill obdurate, and *Sappho* ſo tranſported with the Violence of her Paſſion, that ſhe was reſolved to get rid of it at any Price.

THERE was a Promontory in *Acarnania* called *Leucate*, on the Top of which was a little

Temple dedicated to *Apollo*. In this Temple it was uſual for *deſpairing* Lovers to make their Vows in ſecret, and afterwards to fling themſelves from the Top of the Precipice into the Sea, where they were ſometimes taken up alive. This Place was therefore called, *The Lovers Leap*; and whether or no the Fright they had been in, or the Reſolution that could puſh them to ſo dreadful a Remedy, or the Bruiſes which they often received in their Fall, baniſhed all the tender Sentiments of Love, and gave their Spirits another Turn; thoſe who had taken this Leap were obſerved never to relapſe into that Paſſion. *Sappho* tried the Cure, but periſhed in the Experiment.

AFTER having given this ſhort Account of *Sappho* ſo far as it regards the following Ode, I ſhall ſubjoin the Tranſlation of it as it was ſent me by a Friend, whoſe admirable Paſtorals and *Winter-piece* have been already ſo well received. The Reader will find in it that pathetick Simplicity which is ſo peculiar to him, and ſo ſuitable to the Ode he has here tranſlated. This Ode in the Greek (beſides thoſe Beauties obſerved by Madam *Dacier*) has ſeveral harmonious Turns in the Words, which are not loſt in the *Engliſh*. I muſt further add, that the Tranſlation has preſerved every Image and Sentiment of *Sappho*, notwithſtanding it has all the Eaſe and Spirit of an Original. In a Word, if the Ladies have a mind to know the Manner of Writing practiſed by the ſo much celebrated *Sappho*, they may here ſee it in its genuine and natural Beauty, without any foreign or affected Ornaments.

An HYMN to *VENUS*.

I.

O Venus, *Beauty of the Skies*,
To whom a thouſand Temples riſe,

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Gayly falſe in gentle Smiles,
Full of Love perplexing Wiles;
O Goddeſs! from my Heart remove
The waſting Cares and Pains of Love.

II.

If ever thou haſt kindly heard
A Song in ſoft Diſtreſs preferr'd,
Propitious to my tuneful Vow,
O gentle Goddeſs! hear me now.
Deſcend, thou bright, immortal Gueſt,
In all thy radiant Charms confeſt.

III.

Thou once didſt leave Almighty Jove,
And all the golden Roofs above:
The Carr thy wanton Sparrows drew,
Hov'ring in Air they lightly flew;
As to my Bower they wing'd their Way:
I ſaw their quiv'ring Pinions play.

IV.

The Birds diſmiſt (while you remain)
Bore back their empty Carr again:
Then You, with Looks divinely mild,
In ev'ry heav'nly Feature ſmil'd,
And aſk'd, what new Complaints I made,
And why I call'd you to my Aid?

V.

What Phrenzy in my Boſom raged,
And by what Cure to be aſſwaged?
What gentle Youth I would allure,
Whom in my artful Toils ſecure?
Who does thy tender Heart ſubdue,
Tell me, my Sappho, *tell me Who?*

VI.

Tho' now he ſhuns thy longing Arms,
He ſoon ſhall court thy ſlighted Charms;

Tho' now thy Off'rings he deſpiſe,
He ſoon to thee ſhall ſacrifice;
Tho' now he freeze, he ſoon ſhall burn,
And be thy Victim in his Turn.

VII.

Celeſtial Viſitant, once more
Thy needful Preſence I implore!
In Pity come and eaſe my Grief,
Bring my diſtemper'd Soul Relief;
Favour thy Suppliant's hidden Fires,
And give me All my Heart deſires.

MADAM *Dacier* obſerves, there is ſomething very pretty in that Circumſtance of this Ode, wherein *Venus* is deſcribed as ſending away her Chariot upon her Arrival at *Sappho*'s Lodgings, to denote that it was not a ſhort tranſient Viſit which ſhe intended to make her. This Ode was preſerved by an eminent *Greek* Critick, who inſerted it intire in his Works, as a Pattern of Perfection in the Structure of it.

LONGINUS has quoted another Ode of this great Poeteſs, which is likewiſe admirable in its Kind, and has been tranſlated by the ſame Hand with the foregoing one. I ſhall oblige my Reader with it in another Paper. In the mean while, I cannot but wonder, that theſe two finiſhed Pieces have never been attempted before by any of our Country-men. But the Truth of it is, the Compoſitions of the Ancients, which have not in them any of thoſe unnatural Witticiſms that are the Delight of ordinary Readers, are extremely difficult to render into another Tongue, ſo as the Beauties of the Original may not appear weak and faded in the Tranſlation. C

Friday,

N° 224. *Friday, November* 16.

——Fulgente trahit conſtrictos Gloria curru
Non minùs ignotos generoſis—— Hor. Sat. 6.

IF we look abroad upon the great Multitude of Mankind, and endeavour to trace out the Principles of Action in every Individual, it will, I think, ſeem highly probable that Ambition runs through the whole Species, and that every Man in Proportion to the Vigour of his Complection is more or leſs actuated by it. It is indeed no uncommon Thing to meet with Men, who, by the natural Bent of their Inclinations, and without the Diſcipline of Philoſophy, aſpire not to the Heights of Power and Grandeur; who never ſet their Hearts upon a numerous Train of Clients and Dependancies, nor other gay Appendages of Greatneſs; who are contented with a Competency, and will not moleſt their Tranquillity to gain an Abundance: But it is not therefore to be concluded that ſuch a Man is not Ambitious; his Deſires may have cut another Channel, and determined him to other Purſuits; the Motive however may be ſtill the ſame; and in theſe Caſes likewiſe the Man may be equally puſhed on with the Deſire of Diſtinction.

THOUGH the pure Conſciouſneſs of worthy Actions, abſtracted from the Views of popular Applauſe, be to a generous Mind an ample Reward, yet the Deſire of Diſtinction was doubtleſs implanted in our Natures as an additional Incentive to exert our ſelves in virtuous Excellence.

THIS Paſſion indeed, like all others, is frequently perverted to evil and ignoble Purpoſes; ſo that we may account for many of the Excellencies and Follies of Life upon the ſame innate Principle, to wit, the Deſire of being remarkable: For this as it

has been differently cultivated by Education, Study, and Converſe, will bring forth ſuitable Effects, as it falls in with an ingenuous Diſpoſition, or a corrupt Mind; it does accordingly expreſs it ſelf in Acts of Magnanimity or ſelfiſh Cunning, as it meets with a good or a weak Underſtanding. As it has been employed in embelliſhing the Mind, or adorning the Outſide, it renders the Man eminently praiſe-worthy or ridiculous. Ambition therefore is not to be confined only to one Paſſion or Purſuit; for as the ſame Humours, in Conſtitutions otherwiſe different, affect the Body after different Manners, ſo the ſame aſpiring Principle within us ſometimes breaks forth upon one Object, ſometimes upon another.

IT cannot be doubted, but that there is as great a Deſire of Glory in a Ring of Wreſtlers or Cudgel-Players, as in any other more refined Competion for Superiority. No Man that could avoid it, would ever ſuffer his Head to be broken but out of a Principle of Honour: This is the ſecret Spring that puſhes them forward; and the Superiority which they gain above the undiſtinguiſhed Many, does more than repair thoſe Wounds they have received in the Combat. 'Tis Mr. *Waller*'s Opinion, that *Julius Cæſar*, had he not been Maſter of the *Roman* Empire, would in all Probability have made an excellent Wreſtler.

Great Julius *on the Mountains bred,*
A Flock perhaps or Herd had led;
He that the World ſubdu'd, had been
But the beſt Wreſtler on the Green.

That he ſubdued the World, was owing to the Accidents of Art and Knowledge; had he not met with thoſe Advantages, the ſame Sparks of Emulation would have kindled within him, and prompted

ed him to diſtinguiſh himſelf in ſome Enterprize of a lower Nature. Since therefore no Man's Lot is ſo unalterably fixed in this Life, but that a thouſand Accidents may either forward or diſappoint his Advancement, it is, methinks, a pleaſant and inoffenſive Speculation, to conſider a great Man as diveſted of all the adventitious Circumſtances of Fortune, and to bring him down in one's Imagination to that low Station of Life, the Nature of which bears ſome diſtant Reſemblance to that high one he is at preſent poſſeſſed of. Thus one may view him exerciſing in Miniature thoſe Talents of Nature, which being drawn out by Education to their full Length, enable him for the Diſcharge of ſome important Employment. On the other Hand, one may raiſe uneducated Merit to ſuch a Pitch of Greatneſs, as may ſeem equal to the poſſible Extent of his improved Capacity.

THUS Nature furniſhes a Man with a general Appetite of Glory, Education determines it to this or that particular Object. The Deſire of Diſtinction is not, I think, in any Inſtance more obſervable than in the Variety of Outſides and new Appearances, which the modiſh Part of the World are obliged to provide, in order to make themſelves remarkable; for any Thing glaring and particular, either in Behaviour or Apparel, is known to have this good Effect, that it catches the Eye, and will not ſuffer you to paſs over the Perſon ſo adorned without due Notice and Obſervation. It has likewiſe, upon this Account, been frequently reſented as a very great Slight, to leave any Gentleman out of a Lampoon or Satyr, who has as much Right to be there as his Neighbour, becauſe it ſuppoſes the Perſon not eminent enough to be taken Notice of. To this paſſionate Fondneſs for Diſtinction are owing various frolickſome and irregular Practices,

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as ſallying out into Nocturnal Exploits, breaking of Windows, ſinging of Catches, beating the Watch, getting Drunk twice a Day, killing a great Number of Horſes; with many other Enterprizes of the like fiery Nature: For certainly many a Man is more rakiſh and extravagant than he would willingly be, were there not others to look on and give their Approbation.

ONE very common, and at the ſame time the moſt abſurd Ambition that ever ſhewed it ſelf in humane Nature, is that which comes upon a Man with Experience and old Age, the Seaſon when it might be expected he ſhould be wiſeſt; and therefore it cannot receive any of thoſe leſſening Circumſtances which do, in ſome meaſure, excuſe the diſorderly Ferments of youthful Blood: I mean the Paſſion for getting Money, excluſive of the Character of the provident Father, the affectionate Husband, or the generous Friend. It may be remarked, for the Comfort of honeſt Poverty, that this Deſire reigns moſt in thoſe who have but few good Qualities to recommend them. This is a Weed that will grow in a barren Soil. Humanity, good Nature, and the Advantages of a Liberal Education, are incompatible with Avarice. 'Tis ſtrange to ſee how ſuddenly this abject Paſſion kills all the noble Sentiments and generous Ambitions that adorn humane Nature; it renders the Man who is over-run with it a peeviſh and cruel Maſter, a ſevere Parent, an unſociable Husband, a diſtant and miſtruſtful Friend. But it is more to the preſent Purpoſe to conſider it as an abſurd Paſſion of the Heart, rather than as a vicious Affection of the Mind. As there are frequent Inſtances to be met with of a proud Humility, ſo this Paſſion, contrary to moſt others, affects Applauſe, by avoiding all Show and Appearance; for this Reaſon it will not ſometimes endure even the common Decencies of

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Apparel. *A covetous Man will call himſelf poor, that you may ſooth his Vanity by contradicting him.* Love, and the Deſire of Glory, as they are the moſt natural, ſo they are capable of being refined into the moſt delicate and rational Paſſions. 'Tis true, the Wiſe Man who ſtrikes out of the ſecret Paths of a private Life for Honour and Dignity, allured by the Splendour of a Court, and the unfelt Weight of Publick Employment, whether he ſucceeds in his Attempts or no, uſually comes near enough to this painted Greatneſs to diſcern the Dawbing; he is then deſirous of extricating himſelf out of the Hurry of Life, that he may paſs away the Remainder of his Days in Tranquillity and Retirement.

IT may be thought then but common Prudence in a Man not to change a better State for a worſe, nor ever to quit that which he knows he ſhall take up again with Pleaſure; and yet if humane Life be not a little moved with the gentle Gales of Hopes and Fears, there may be ſome Danger of its ſtagnating in an unmanly Indolence and Security. It is a known Story of *Domitian*, that after he had poſſeſſed himſelf of the *Roman* Empire, his Deſires turn'd upon catching Flies. Active and maſculine Spirits in the Vigour of Youth neither can nor ought to remain at Reſt: If they debar themſelves from aiming at a noble Object, their Deſires will move downwards, and they will feel themſelves actuated by ſome low and abject Paſſion. Thus if you cut off the top Branches of a Tree, and will not ſuffer it to grow any higher, it will not therefore ceaſe to grow, but will quickly ſhoot out at the Bottom. The Man indeed who goes into the World only with the narrow Views of Self-Intereſt, who catches at the Applauſe of an idle Multitude, as he can find no ſolid Contentment at the End of his Journey, ſo he deſerves to meet with Diſappointments

ments in his Way: But he who is actuated by a nobler Principle, whoſe Mind is ſo far enlarged as to take in the Proſpect of his Country's Good, who is enamoured with that Praiſe which is one of the fair Attendants of Virtue, and values not thoſe Acclamations which are not ſeconded by the impartial Teſtimony of his own Mind; who repines not at the low Station which Providence has at preſent allotted him, but yet would willingly advance himſelf by juſtifiable Means to a more riſing and advantagious Ground; ſuch a Man is warmed with a generous Emulation; it is a virtuous Movement in him to wiſh and to endeavour that his Power of doing Good may be equal to his Will.

THE Man who is fitted out by Nature, and ſent into the World with great Abilities, is capable of doing great Good or Miſchief in it. It ought therefore to be the Care of Education to infuſe into the untainted Youth early Notices of Juſtice and Honour, that ſo the poſſible Advantages of good Parts may not take an evil Turn, nor be perverted to baſe and unworthy Purpoſes. It is the Buſineſs of Religion and Philoſophy not ſo much to extinguiſh our Paſſions, as to regulate and direct them to valuable well-choſen Objects: When theſe have pointed out to us which Courſe we may lawfully ſteer, 'tis no Harm to ſet out all our Sail; if the Storms and Tempeſts of Adverſity ſhould riſe upon us, and not ſuffer us to make the Haven where we would be, it will however prove no ſmall Conſolation to us in theſe Circumſtances, that we have neither miſtaken our Courſe, nor fallen into Calamities of our own procuring.

RELIGION therefore (were we to conſider it no further than as it interpoſes in the Affairs of this Life) is highly valuable, and worthy of great Veneration; as it ſettles the various Pretenſions, and otherwiſe interfering Intereſts of mortal Men, and thereby

thereby conſults the Harmony and Order of the great Community, as it gives a Man Room to play his Part, and exert his Abilities; as it animates to Actions truly laudable in themſelves, in their Effects beneficial to Society; as it inſpires rational Ambitions, correct Love, and elegant Deſires.

N° 225. *Saturday, November* 17.

Nullum numen abeſt ſi ſit prudentia—— Juv.

I Have often thought if the Minds of Men were laid open, we ſhould ſee but little Difference between that of the wiſe Man and that of the Fool. There are infinite *Reveries*, numberleſs Extravagances, and a perpetual Train of Vanities which paſs through both. The great Difference is, that the firſt knows how to pick and cull his Thoughts for Converſation, by ſuppreſſing ſome, and communicating others; whereas the other lets them all indifferently fly out in Words. This Sort of Diſcretion, however, has no Place in private Converſation between intimate Friends. On ſuch Occaſions the wiſeſt Men very often talk like the weakeſt; for indeed the talking with a Friend is nothing elſe but *thinking aloud*.

TULLY has therefore very juſtly expoſed a Precept delivered by ſome ancient Writers, That a Man ſhould live with his Enemy in ſuch a Manner, as might leave him Room to become his Friend; and with his Friend in ſuch a Manner, that if he became his Enemy, it ſhould not be in his Power to hurt him. The firſt Part of this Rule, which regards our Behaviour towards an Enemy, is indeed very reaſonable, as well as very prudential; but the latter Part of it, which regards our Behaviour towards a Friend, ſavours more of Cunning than of Diſcretion, and would cut a Man off from

from the greateſt Pleaſures of Life, which are the Freedoms of Converſation with a Boſom Friend. Beſides that, when a Friend is turned into an Enemy, and (as the Son of *Sirach* calls him) a Bewrayer of Secrets, the World is juſt enough to accuſe the Perfidiouſneſs of the Friend, rather than the Indiſcretion of the Perſon who confided in him.

DISCRETION does not only ſhew it ſelf in Words, but in all the Circumſtances of Action; and is like an Under-Agent of Providence, to guide and direct us in the ordinary Concerns of Life.

THERE are many more ſhining Qualities in the Mind of Man, but there is none ſo uſeful as Diſcretion; it is this indeed which gives a Value to all the reſt, which ſets them at work in their proper Times and Places, and turns them to the Advantage of the Perſon who is poſſeſſed of them. Without it Learning is Pedantry, and Wit Impertinence; Virtue it ſelf looks like Weakneſs; the beſt Parts only qualify a Man to be more ſprightly in Errors, and active to his own Prejudice.

NOR does Diſcretion only make a Man the Maſter of his own Parts, but of other Mens. The diſcreet Man finds out the Talents of thoſe he converſes with, and knows how to apply them to proper Uſes. Accordingly if we look into particular Communities and Diviſions of Men, we may obſerve that it is the diſcreet Man, not the Witty, nor the Learned, nor the Brave, who guides the Converſation, and gives Meaſures to the Society. A Man with great Talents, but void of Diſcretion, is like *Polyphemus* in the Fable, ſtrong and blind, endued with an irreſiſtible Force, which for want of Sight is of no Uſe to him.

THOUGH a Man has all other Perfections, and wants Diſcretion, he will be of no great Conſequence in the World; but if he has this ſingle Talent

lent in Perfection, and but a common Share of others, he may do what he pleaſes in his Station of Life.

AT the ſame Time that I think Diſcretion the moſt uſeful Talent a Man can be Maſter of, I look upon Cunning to be the Accompliſhment of little, mean, ungenerous Minds. Diſcretion points out the nobleſt Ends to us, and purſues the moſt proper and laudable Methods of attaining them: Cunning has only private ſelfiſh Aims, and ſticks at nothing which may make them ſucceed. Diſcretion has large and extended Views, and, like a well-formed Eye, commands a whole Horizon: Cunning is a Kind of Short-ſightedneſs, that diſcovers the minuteſt Objects which are near at Hand, but is not able to diſcern Things at a Diſtance. Diſcretion the more it is diſcovered, gives a greater Authority to the Perſon who poſſeſſes it: Cunning, when it is once detected, loſes it Force, and makes a Man incapable of bringing about even thoſe Events which he might have done, had he paſſed only for a plain Man. Diſcretion is the Perfection of Reaſon, and a Guide to us in all the Duties of Life: Cunning is a kind of Inſtinct, that only looks out after our immediate Intereſt and Welfare. Diſcretion is only found in Men of ſtrong Senſe and good Underſtandings: Cunning is often to be met with in Brutes themſelves, and in Perſons who are but the feweſt Removes from them. In ſhort, Cunning is only the Mimick of Diſcretion, and may paſs upon weak Men, in the ſame manner as Vivacity is often miſtaken for Wit, and Gravity for Wiſdom.

THE Caſt of Mind which is natural to a diſcreet Man, makes him look forward into Futurity, and conſider what will be his Condition millions of Ages hence, as well as what it is at preſent. He knows that the Miſery or Happineſs

which are reſerv'd for him in another World, loſe nothing of their Reality by being placed at ſo great a Diſtance from him. The Objects do not appear little to him becauſe they are remote He conſiders that thoſe Pleaſures and Pains which lie hid in Eternity, approach nearer to him every Moment, and will be preſent with him in their full Weight and Meaſure, as much as thoſe Pains and Pleaſures which he feels at this very Inſtant. For this Reaſon he is careful to ſecure to himſelf that which is the proper Happineſs of his Nature, and the ultimate Deſign of his Being. He carries his Thoughts to the End of every Action, and conſiders the moſt diſtant as well as the moſt immediate Effects of it. He ſuperſedes every little Proſpect of Gain and Advantage which offers it ſelf here, if he does not find it conſiſtent with his Views of an Hereafter. In a Word, his Hopes are full of Immortality, his Schemes are large and glorious, and his Conduct ſuitable to one who knows his true Intereſt, and how to purſue it by proper Methods.

I have, in this Eſſay upon Diſcretion, conſidered it both as an Accompliſhment and as a Virtue, and have therefore deſcribed it in its full Extent; not only as it is converſant about worldly Affairs, but as it regards our whole Exiſtence; not only as it is the Guide of a mortal Creature, but as it is in general the Director of a reaſonable Being. It is in this Light that Diſcretion is repreſented by the wiſe Man, who ſometimes mentions it under the Name of Diſcretion, and ſometimes under that of Wiſdom. It is indeed (as deſcribed in the latter Part of this Paper) the greateſt Wiſdom, but at the ſame Time in the Power of every one to attain. Its Advantages are infinite, but its Acquiſition eaſy; or, to ſpeak of her in the Words of the Apocryphal Writer whom I quoted in my laſt *Saturday*'s Paper, *Wiſdom is glorious, and never fadeth away,*

away, yet ſhe is eaſily ſeen of them that love her, and found of ſuch as ſeek her. She preventeth them that deſire her, in making her ſelf firſt known unto them. He that ſeeketh her early, ſhall have no great Travels: for he ſhall find her ſitting at his Doors. To think therefore upon her is Perfection of Wiſdom, and whoſo watcheth for her ſhall quickly be without Care. For ſhe goeth about ſeeking ſuch as are worthy of her, ſheweth her ſelf favourably unto them in the Ways, and meeteth them in every Thought.

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N° 226. *Monday, November* 19.

——Mutum eſt pictura poema. Hor.

I Have very often lamented and hinted my Sorrow in ſeveral Speculations, that the Art of Painting is made ſo little Uſe of to the Improvement of our Manners. When we conſider that it places the Action of the Perſon repreſented, in the moſt agreeable Aſpect imaginable, that it does not only expreſs the Paſſion or Concern as it ſits upon him who is drawn, but has under thoſe Features the Height of the Painter's Imagination, What ſtrong Images of Virtue and Humanity might we not expect would be inſtilled into the Mind from the Labours of the Pencil? This is a Poetry which would be underſtood with much leſs Capacity, and leſs Expence of Time, than what is taught by Writing; but the Uſe of it is generally perverted, and that admirable Skill proſtituted to the baſeſt and moſt unworthy Ends. Who is the better Man for beholding the moſt beautiful *Venus*, the beſt wrought *Bacchanal*, the Images of ſleeping *Cupids*, languiſhing Nymphs, or any of the Repreſentations of Gods, Goddeſſes, Demy-gods, Satyrs, *Polyphemes*, Sphinxes, or Fauns? But if the Virtues and Vices, which are ſometimes pretended to be repre-

ſented under ſuch Draughts, were given us by the Painter in the Characters of real Life, and the Perſons of Men and Women whoſe Actions have rendered them laudable or infamous; we ſhould not ſee a good Hiſtory-Piece without receiving an inſtructive Lecture. There needs no other Proof of this Truth, than the Teſtimony of every reaſonable Creature who has ſeen the Cartons in Her Majeſty's Gallery at *Hampton-Court*: Theſe are Repreſentations of no leſs Actions than thoſe of our bleſſed Saviour and his Apoſtles. As I now ſit and recollect the warm Images which the admirable *Raphael* has raiſed, it is impoſſible, even from the faint Traces in one's Memory of what one has not ſeen theſe two Years, to be unmoved at the Horror and Reverence which appear in the whole Aſſembly when the mercenary Man fell down dead; at the Amazement of the Man born blind, when he firſt receives Sight; or at the graceleſs Indignation of the Sorcerer, when he is ſtruck blind. The Lame, when they firſt find Strength in their Feet, ſtand doubtful of their new Vigour. The heavenly Apoſtles appear acting theſe great Things, with a deep Senſe of the Infirmities which they relieve, but no Value of themſelves who adminiſter to their Weakneſs. They know themſelves to be but Inſtruments; and the generous Diſtreſs they are painted in when divine Honours are offered to them, is a Repreſentation in the moſt exquiſite Degree of the Beauty of Holineſs. When St. *Paul* is preaching to the *Athenians*, with what wonderful Art are almoſt all the different Tempers of Mankind repreſented in that elegant Audience? You ſee one credulous of all that is ſaid, another wrapt up in deep Suſpence, another ſaying there is ſome Reaſon in what he ſays, another angry that the Apoſtle deſtroys a favourite Opinion which he is unwilling to give up, another wholly convinced

convinced and holding out his Hands in Rapture, while the Generality attend, and wait for the Opinion of thoſe who are of leading Characters in the Aſſembly. I will not pretend ſo much as to mention that Chart on which is drawn the Appearance of our bleſſed Lord after his Reſurrection. Preſent Authority, late Suffering, Humility and Majeſty, deſpotick Command, and divine Love, are at once ſeated in his celeſtial Aſpect. The Figures of the eleven Apoſtles are all in the ſame Paſſion of Admiration, but diſcover it differently according to their Characters. *Peter* receives his Maſter's Orders on his Knees with an Admiration mixed with a more particular Attention: The two next with a more open Ecſtacy, though ſtill conſtrained by the Awe of the divine Preſence: The beloved Diſciple, whom I take to be the Right of the two firſt Figures, has in his Countenance Wonder drowned in Love; and the laſt Perſonage, whoſe Back is towards the Spectator, and his Side towards the Preſence, one would fancy to be St. *Thomas*, as abaſhed by the Conſcience of his former Diffidence; which perplexed Concern it is poſſible *Raphael* thought too hard a Task to draw but by this Acknowledgment of the Difficulty to deſcribe it.

THE whole Work is an Exerciſe of the higheſt Piety in the Painter; and all the Touches of a religious Mind are expreſſed in a Manner much more forcible than can poſſibly be performed by the moſt moving Eloquence. Theſe invaluable Pieces are very juſtly in the Hands of the greateſt and moſt pious Sovereign in the World; and cannot be the frequent Object of every one at their own Leiſure: But as an Engraver is to the Painter what a Printer is to an Author, it is worthy Her Majeſty's Name, that ſhe has encouraged that noble Artiſt, Monſieur *Dorigny*, to publiſh theſe Works of *Ra-*

phael. We have of this Gentleman a Piece of the Transfiguration, which, I think, is held a Work ſecond to none in the World.

METHINKS it would be ridiculous in our People of Condition, after their large Bounties to Foreigners of no Name or Merit, ſhould they overlook this Occaſion of having, for a trifling Subſcription, a Work which it is impoſſible for a Man of Senſe to behold, without being warmed with the nobleſt Sentiments that can be inſpired by Love, Admiration, Compaſſion, Contempt of this World, and Expectation of a better.

IT is certainly the greateſt Honour we can do our Country, to diſtinguiſh Strangers of Merit who apply to us with Modeſty and Diffidence which generally accompanies Merit. No Opportunity of thi Kind ought to be neglected; and a modeſt Behaviour ſhould alarm us to examine whether we do not loſe ſomething excellent under that Diſadvantage in the Poſſeſſor of that Quality. My Skill in Paintings, where one is not directed by the Paſſion of the Pictures, is ſo inconſiderable, that I am in very great Perplexity when I offer to ſpeak of any Performances of Painters of Landskips, Buildings, or ſingle Figures. This makes me at a Loſs how to mention the Pieces which Mr. *Boul* expoſes to Sale by Auction on *Wedneſday* next in *Shandois-Street*: But having heard him commended by thoſe who have bought of him heretofore for great Integrity in his Dealing, and over-heard him himſelf (tho' a laudable Painter) ſay, nothing of his own was fit to come into the Room with thoſe he had to ſell, I fear'd I ſhould loſe an Occaſion of ſerving a Man of Worth in omitting to ſpeak of his Auction. T

Tueſday

N° 227. *Tueſday*, *November* 20.

Ἤ μοι ἐγὼ τί πάθω; τί ὁ δύστηνος; οὐχ ὑπακούεις;
Τὰν βαίταν ἀποδὺς εἰς κύματα πηδῶ ἀλεύμαι
Ὥπερ τὼς ὄρνιχας σκοπιάζει Ὄλπις ὁ γερανδίς.
Κἤνα μὴ ποθάνω, τό γε μὰν τεὸν αἶδυ τέτυκται.

Theoc.

IN my laſt *Thurſday*'s Paper I made mention of a Place called *The Lovers Leap*, which I find has raiſed a great Curioſity among ſeveral of my Correſpondents. I there told them that this Leap was uſed to be taken from a Promontory of *Leucas*. This *Leucas* was formerly a Part of *Acarnania*, being joined to it by a narrow Neck of Land, which the Sea has by Length of Time overflowed and waſhed away; ſo that at preſent *Leucas* is divided from the Continent, and is a little Iſland in the *Ionian* Sea. The Promontory of this Iſland, from whence the Lover took his Leap, was formerly called *Leucate*. If the Reader has a Mind to know both the Iſland and the Promontory by their modern Titles, he will find in his Map the ancient Iſland of *Leucas* under the Name of St. *Mauro*, and the ancient Promontory of *Leucate* under the Name of *The Cape of St.* Mauro.

SINCE I am engaged thus far in Antiquity, I muſt obſerve that *Theocritus* in the Motto prefixed to my Paper, deſcribes one of the deſpairing Shepherds addreſſing himſelf to his Miſtreſs after the following Manner: *Alas! What will become of me? Wretch that I am! Will you not hear me? I'll throw off my Cloaths, and take a Leap into that Part of the Sea which is ſo much frequented by* Olphis *the Fiſherman. And tho' I ſhould eſcape with my Life, I know you will be pleaſed with it.* I ſhall leave it with the Criticks to determine whether the Place, which this Shepherd ſo particularly points out,

out, was not the above-mention'd *Leucate*, or at leaſt ſome other Lovers Leap, which was ſuppoſed to have had the ſame Effect. I cannot believe, as all the Interpreters do, that the Shepherd means nothing further here than that he would drown himſelf, ſince he repreſents the Iſſue of his Leap as doubtful, by adding, That if he ſhould eſcape with Life, he knows his Miſtreſs would be pleaſed with it; which is, according to our Interpretation, that ſhe would rejoice any way to get rid of a Lover who was ſo troubleſome to her.

AFTER this ſhort Preface, I ſhall preſent my Reader with ſome Letters which I have received upon this Subject. The firſt is ſent me by a Phyſician.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Lovers Leap, which you mention in
' your 223d Paper, was generally, I believe,
' a very effectual Cure for Love, and not only for
' Love, but for all other Evils. In ſhort, Sir, I
' am afraid it was ſuch a Leap as that which *Hero*
' took to get rid of her Paſſion for *Leander*. A
' Man is in no Danger of breaking his Heart, who
' breaks his Neck to prevent it. I know very well
' the Wonders which ancient Authors relate con-
' cerning this Leap; and in particular, that very
' many Perſons who tried it, eſcaped not only with
' their Lives but their Limbs. If by this Means
' they got rid of their Love, tho' it may in Part be
' aſcribed to the Reaſons you give for it; why may
' not we ſuppoſe, that the cold Bath into which
' they plunged themſelves, had alſo ſome Share in
' their Cure? A Leap into the Sea, or into any
' Creek of ſalt Waters, very often gives a new
' Motion to the Spirits, and a new Turn to the
' Blood; for which reaſon we preſcribe it in Di-
' ſtempers which no other Medicine will reach.

' I

'I could produce a Quotation out of a very venerable Author, in which the Phrenzy produced by Love, is compared to that which is produced by the Biting of a mad Dog. But as this Comparison is a little too coarſe for your Paper, and might look as if it were cited to ridicule the Author who has made uſe of it; I ſhall only hint at it, and deſire you to conſider whether, if the Phrenzy produced by theſe two different Cauſes be of the ſame Nature, it may not very properly be cured by the ſame Means.

I am SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,
and Well-wiſher,
ÆSCULAPIUS.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a young Woman croſſed in Love. My Story is very long and melancholy. To give you the Heads of it: A young Gentleman, after having made his Applications to me for three Years together, and filled my Head with a thouſand Dreams of Happineſs, ſome few Days ſince married another. Pray tell me in what Part of the World your Promontory lies, which you call *The Lovers Leap*, and whether one may go to it by Land? But, alas, I am afraid it has loſt its Virtue, and that a Woman of our Times would find no more Relief in taking ſuch a Leap, than in ſinging an Hymn to *Venus*. So that I muſt cry out with *Dido* in *Dryden*'s *Virgil*,

Ah! cruel Heaven, that made no Cure for Love!

Your diſconſolate Servant,
ATHENAIS.

Mis-

MISTER. SPICTATUR,

'MY Heart is ſo full of Loves and Paſſions for 'Mrs. *Gwinifrid*, and ſhe is ſo pettiſh, and 'over-run with Cholers againſt me, that if I had 'the good Happineſs to have my Dwelling (which 'is placed by my Great-Cranfather upon the Pot-'tom of an Hill) no farther Diſtance but twenty 'Mile from the Lofers Leap, I would indeed in-'deafour to preak my Neck upon it on Purpoſe. 'Now, good Miſter SPICTATUR of *Crete Prit-'tain*, you muſt know it, there iſs in *Caernarvan-'ſhire* a fery pig Mountain, the Clory of all *Wales*. 'which iſs named *Penmainmaure*, and you muſt 'alſo know it iſs no great Journey on Foot from 'me; but the Road is ſtony and bad for Shooes. 'Now there is upon the Forehead of this Moun-'tain a very high Rock, (like a Pariſh Steeple) that 'cometh a huge deal over the Sea; ſo when I am in 'my Melancholies, and I do throw my ſelf from 'it, I do deſire my fery good Friend to tell me 'in his *Spictatur*, if I ſhall be cure of my griefous 'Lofes; for there is the Sea clear as the Claſs, 'and aſs creen as the Leek: Then likewiſe, if I 'be drown, and preak my Neck, if Mrs. *Gwini-'frid* will not lofe me afterwards. Pray be ſpeedy 'in your Anſwers, for I am in crete Haſte, and 'it is my Teſires to do my Puſineſs without Loſs 'of Time. I remain, with cordial Affections, your 'ever lofing Friend,

Davyth ap Shenkyn.

P. S. 'My Law-Suits have brought me to *Lon-'don*, but I have loſt my Cauſes; and ſo have 'made my Reſolutions to go down and leap be-'fore the Froſts begin; for I am apt to take Colds.

RIDICULE, perhaps, is a better Expedient againſt Love than ſober Advice, and I am of Opinion that *Hudibras* and *Don Quixote* may be as effectual

fectual to cure the Extravagancies of this Paſſion, as any of the old Philoſophers. I ſhall therefore publiſh, very ſpeedily, the Tranſlation of a little *Greek* Manuſcript, which is ſent me by a learned Friend. It appears to have been a Piece of thoſe Records which were kept in the little Temple of *Apollo*, that ſtood upon the Promontory of *Leucate*. The Reader will find it to be a Summary Account of ſeveral Perſons who tried the Lovers Leap, and of the Succeſs they found in it. As there ſeem to be in it ſome Anachroniſms and Deviations from the ancient Orthography, I am not wholly ſatisfied my ſelf that it is authentick, and not rather the Production of one of thoſe *Grecian* Sophiſters, who have impoſed upon the World ſeveral ſpurious Works of this Nature. I ſpeak this by Way of Precaution, becauſe I know there are ſeveral Writers, of uncommon Erudition, who would not fail to expoſe my Ignorance, if they caught me tripping in a Matter of ſo great Moment. C

N° 228. *Wedneſday, November* 21.

Percunctatorem fugito, nam Garrulus idem eſt. Hor.

THERE is a Creature who has all the Organs of Speech, a tolerable good Capacity for conceiving what is ſaid to it, together with a pretty proper Behaviour in all the Occurrences of common Life; but naturally very vacant of Thought in it ſelf, and therefore forced to apply its ſelf to foreign Aſſiſtances. Of this Make is that Man who is very inquiſitive. You may often obſerve, that tho' he ſpeaks as good Senſe as any Man upon any Thing with which he is well acquainted, he cannot truſt to the Range of his own Fancy to entertain himſelf upon that Foundation, but goes on ſtill to new Enquiries. Thus, tho' you know he

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is fit for the moſt polite Converſation, you ſhall ſee him very well contented to ſit by a Jockey, giving an Account of the many Revolutions in his Horſe's Health, what Potion he made him take, how that agreed with him, how afterwards he came to his Stomach and his Exerciſe, or any the like Impertinence; and be as well pleaſed as if you talked to him on the moſt important Truths. This Humour is far from making a Man unhappy, though it may ſubject him to Raillery; for he generally falls in with a Perſon who ſeems to be born for him, which is your talkative Fellow. It is ſo ordered, that there is a ſecret Bent, as natural as the Meeting of different Sexes, in theſe two Characters, to ſupply each others Wants. I had the Honour the other Day to ſit in a publick Room, and ſaw an inquiſitive Man look with an Air of Satisfaction upon the Approach of one of theſe Talkers. The Man of ready Utterance ſat down by him, and rubbing his Head, leaning on his Arm, and making an uneaſie Countenance, he began; 'There is no Manner of News to Day. I cannot 'tell what is the Matter with me, but I ſlept very 'ill laſt Night; whether I caught Cold or no, I 'know not, but I fancy I do not wear Shooes 'thick enough for the Weather, and I have cough'ed all the Week: It muſt be ſo, for the Cuſtom 'of waſhing my Head Winter and Summer with 'cold Water, prevents any Injury from the Sea'ſon entering that Way; ſo it muſt come in at 'my Feet; But I take no Notice of it; as it comes 'ſo it goes. Moſt of our Evils proceed from too 'much Tenderneſs; and our Faces are naturally 'as little able to reſiſt the Cold as other Parts. The '*Indian* anſwered very well to an *European*, who 'asked him how he could go naked; I am all 'Face.

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I obſerved this Diſcourſe was as welcome to my general Enquirer as any other of more Conſequence could have been; but ſome Body calling our Talker to another Part of the Room, the Enquirer told the next Man who ſat by him that Mr. ſuch a one, who was juſt gone from him, uſed to waſh his Head in cold Water every Morning; and ſo repeated almoſt *Verbatim* all that had been ſaid to him. The Truth is, the Inquiſitive are the Funnels of Converſation; they do not take in any Thing for their own Uſe, but meerly to paſs it to another: They are the Channels through which all the Good and Evil that is ſpoken in Town are conveyed. Such as are offended at them, or think they ſuffer by their Behaviour, may themſelves mend that Inconvenience; for they are not a malicious People, and if you will ſupply them, you may contradict any thing they have ſaid before by their own Mouths. A further Account of a Thing is one of the gratefulleſt Goods that can arrive to them; and it is ſeldom that they are more particular than to ſay, The Town will have it, or, I have it from a good Hand: So that there is Room for the Town to know the Matter more particularly, and for a better Hand to contradict what was ſaid by a good one.

I have not known this Humour more ridiculous than in a Father, who has been earneſtly ſollicitous to have an Account how his Son has paſſed away his leiſure Hours; if it be in a Way thoroughly inſignificant, there cannot be a greater Joy than an Enquirer diſcovers in ſeeing him follow ſo hopefully his own Steps: But this Humour among Men is moſt pleaſant when they are ſaying ſomething which is not wholly proper for a third Perſon to hear, and yet is in it ſelf indifferent. The other Day there came in a well-dreſſed young Fellow, and two Gentlemen of this Species immediately

diately fell a whiſpering his Pedigree. I could overhear, by Breaks, She was his Aunt; then an Anſwer, Ay, ſhe was of the Mother's Side: Then again in a little lower Voice, His Father wore generally a darker Wig; Anſwer, Not much. But this Gentleman wears higher Heels to his Shooes.

As the Inquiſitive, in my Opinion, are ſuch merely from a Vacancy in their own Imaginations, there is nothing, methinks, ſo dangerous as to communicate Secrets to them; for the ſame Temper of Inquiry makes them as impertinently communicative: But no Man, though he converſes with them, need put himſelf in their Power, for they will be contented with Matters of leſs Moment as well. When there is full Fewel enough, no Matter what it is——Thus the Ends of Sentences in the News-Papers, as, *This wants Confirmation*, *This occaſions many Speculations*, and, *Time will diſcover the Event*, are read by them, and conſidered not as mere Expletives.

One may ſee now and then this Humour accompanied with an inſatiable Deſire of knowing what paſſes, without turning it to any Uſe in the World but merely their own Entertainment. A Mind which is gratified this Way is adapted to Humour and Pleaſantry, and formed for an unconcerned Character in the World; and, like myſelf, to be a mere Spectator. This Curioſity, without Malice or Self-Intereſt, lays up in the Imagination a Magazine of Circumſtances which cannot but entertain when they are produced in Converſation. If one were to know from the Man of the firſt Quality to the meaneſt Servant the different Intrigues, Sentiments, Pleaſures, and Intereſts of Mankind, would it not be the moſt pleaſing Entertainment imaginable to enjoy ſo conſtant a Farce as the obſerving Mankind much more different from themſelves in their ſecret Thoughts and

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publick Actions, than in their Night-Caps and long Periwiggs?

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'PLUTARCH tells us, that *Caius Gracchus* 'the *Roman*, was frequently hurried by his 'Paſſion into ſo loud and tumultuous a Way of 'ſpeaking, and ſo ſtrained his Voice, as not to be 'able to proceed. To remedy this Exceſs, he had 'an ingenious Servant, by Name *Licinius*, always 'attending him with a Pitch-Pipe, or Inſtrument 'to regulate the Voice; who, whenever he heard 'his Maſter begin to be high, immediately touch-'ed a ſoft Note; at which, 'tis ſaid, *Caius* would 'preſently abate and grow calm.

'UPON recollecting this Story, I have fre-'quently wondered that this uſeful Inſtrument 'ſhould have been ſo long diſcontinued; eſpecial-'ly ſince we find that this good Office of *Licinius* 'has preſerved his Memory for many hundred 'Years, which, methinks, ſhould have encouraged 'ſome one to have revived it, if not for the pub-'lick Good, yet for his own Credit. It may be 'objected, that our loud Talkers are ſo fond of 'their own Noiſe, that they would not take it 'well to be checked by their Servants: But grant-'ing this to be true, ſurely any of their Hearers 'have a very good Title to play a ſoft Note in 'their own Defence. To be ſhort, no *Licinius* 'appearing, and the Noiſe encreaſing, I was re-'ſolved to give the late long Vacation to the 'Good of my Country; and I have at length, by 'the Aſſiſtance of an ingenious Artiſt, (who 'works to the Royal Society) almoſt compleated 'my Deſign, and ſhall be ready in a ſhort Time 'to furniſh the Publick with what Number of 'theſe Inſtruments they pleaſe, either to lodge at 'Coffee-houſes, or carry for their own private

'Uſe. In the mean Time, I ſhall pay that Re-
'ſpect to ſeveral Gentlemen, who I know will
'be in Danger of offending againſt this Inſtru-
'ment, to give them Notice of it by private Let-
'ters, in which I ſhall only write, *Get a* Licinius.

'I ſhould now trouble you no longer, but that
'I muſt not conclude without deſiring you to ac-
'cept one of theſe Pipes, which ſhall be left for
'you with *Buckley*; and which I hope will be
'ſerviceable to you, ſince as you are ſilent your
'ſelf, you are moſt open to the Inſults of the
'Noiſy.

I am, SIR, &c. W.B.

'I had almoſt forgot to inform you, that as an
'Improvement in this Inſtrument, there will be a
'particular Note which I call a Huſh-Note; and
'this is to be made uſe of againſt a long Story,
'Swearing, Obſceneneſs, and the like. T

N° 229. *Thurſday, November* 22.

——Spirat adhuc amor
Vivuntque commiſſi calores
Æoliæ fidibus puellæ. Hor.

AMONG the many famous Pieces of Antiquity which are ſtill to be ſeen at *Rome*, there is the Trunk of a Statue which has loſt the Arms, Legs, and Head; but diſcovers ſuch an exquiſite Workmanſhip in what remains of it, that *Michael Angelo* declared he had learned his whole Art from it. Indeed he ſtudied it ſo attentively, that he made moſt of his Statues, and even his Pictures in that *Guſto*, to make uſe of the *Italian* Phraſe; for which Reaſon this maimed Statue is ſtill called *Michael Angelo*'s School.

A Fragment of *Sappho*, which I deſign for the Subject of this Paper, is in as great Reputation among

mong the Poets and Criticks, as the mutilated Figure above mentioned is among the Statuaries and Painters. Several of our Country-men, and Mr. *Dryden* in particular, ſeem very often to have copied after it in their Dramatick Writings, and in their Poems upon Love.

WHATEVER might have been the Occaſion of this Ode, the Engliſh Reader will enter into the Beauties of it, if he ſuppoſes it to have been written in the Perſon of a Lover ſitting by his Miſtreſs. I ſhall ſet to View three different Copies of this beautiful Original: The firſt is a Tranſlation by *Catullus*, the ſecond by Monſieur *Boileau*, and the laſt by a Gentleman, whoſe Tranſlation of the *Hymn to Venus* has been ſo deſervedly admired.

Ad LESBIAM.

Ille mî par eſſe deo videtur,
Ille ſi fas eſt, ſuperare divos,
Qui ſedens adverſus identidem te,
Spectat, & audit
Dulce ridentem, miſero quod omnis
Eripit ſenſus mihi: nam ſimul te,
Lesbia aſpexi, nihil eſt ſuper mî
Quod loquar amens.
Lingua ſed torpet, tenuis ſub artus
Flamma dimanat, ſonitu ſuopte
Tinniunt aures, gemina teguntur
Lumina nocte.

MY learned Reader will know very well the Reaſon why one of theſe Verſes is printed in *Roman* Letter; and if he compares this Tranſlation with the Original, will find that the three firſt Stanzas are rendered almoſt Word for Word, and not only with the ſame Elegance, but with the ſame ſhort Turn of Expreſſion which is ſo remarkable in the Greek, and ſo peculiar to the *Sapphick* Ode. I cannot imagine for what Reaſon Madam

Dacier has told us, that this Ode of *Sappho* is preſerved entire in *Longinus*, ſince it is manifeſt to any one who looks into that Author's Quotation of it, that there muſt at leaſt have been another Stanza, which is not tranſmitted to us.

THE ſecond Tranſlation of this Fragment, which I ſhall here cite, is that of Monſieur *Boileau*.

Heureux! qui prés de toi, pour toi ſeule ſoûpire:
Qui joüit du plaiſir de t'entendre parler:
Qui te voit quelquefois doucement lui ſoûrire.
Les Dieux, dans ſon bonheur, peuvent-ils l'égaler?

Je ſens de veine en veine une ſubtile flamme
Courir par tout mon corps, ſi-toſt que je te vois:
Et dans les doux tranſports, où s'egare mon ame,
Je ne ſçaurois trouver de langue, ni de voix.

Un nuage confus ſe répand ſur ma vuë,
Je n' entens plus, je tombe en de douces langueurs;
Et paſle, ſans haleine, interdite, eſperduë,
Un friſſon me ſaiſit, je tremble, je me meurs.

THE Reader will ſee that this is rather an Imitation than a Tranſlation. The Circumſtances do not lie ſo thick together, and follow one another with that Vehemence and Emotion as in the Original. In ſhort, Monſieur *Boileau* has given us all the Poetry, but not all the Paſſion of this famous Fragment. I ſhall, in the laſt Place, preſent my Reader with the Engliſh Tranſlation.

I.

Bleſt as th'immortal Gods is he,
The Youth who fondly ſits by thee,
And hears and ſees thee all the while
Softly ſpeak and ſweetly ſmile.

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II.

'Twas this depriv'd my Soul of Reſt,
And rais'd ſuch Tumults in my Breaſt;
For while I gaz'd, in Tranſport toſt,
My Breath was gone, my Voice was loſt:

III.

My Boſom glow'd; the ſubtle Flame
Ran quick through all my vital Frame;
O'er my dim Eyes a Darkneſs hung;
My Ears with hollow Murmurs rung.

IV.

In dewy Damps my Limbs were chill'd;
My Blood with gentle Horrors thrill'd;
My feeble Pulſe forgot to play;
I fainted, ſunk, and dy'd away.

INSTEAD of giving any Character of this laſt Tranſlation, I ſhall deſire my learned Reader to look into the Criticiſms which *Longinus* has made upon the Original. By that means he will know to which of the Tranſlations he ought to give the Preference. I ſhall only add, that this Tranſlation is written in the very Spirit of *Sappho*, and as near the Greek as the Genius of our Language will poſſibly ſuffer.

LONGINUS has obſerved, that this Deſcription of Love in *Sappho* is an exact Copy of Nature, and that all the Circumſtances, which follow one another in ſuch an hurry of Sentiments, notwithſtanding they appear repugnant to each other, are really ſuch as happen in the Phrenzies of Love.

I wonder that not one of the Criticks or Editors, through whoſe Hands this Ode has paſſed, has taken Occaſion from it to mention a Circumſtance related by *Plutarch*. That Author in the famous Story of *Antiochus*, who fell in Love with *Stratonice*, his Mother-in-Law, and (not daring to diſcover

diſcover his Paſſion) pretended to be confined to his Bed by his Sickneſs, tells us, that *Eraſiſtratus*, the Phyſician, found out the Nature of his Diſtemper by thoſe Symptoms of Love which he had learnt from *Sappho*'s Writings. *Stratonice* was in the Room of the Love-ſick Prince, when theſe Symptoms diſcovered themſelves to his Phyſician; and it is probable, that they were not very different from thoſe which *Sappho* here deſcribes in a Lover ſitting by his Miſtreſs. This Story of *Antiochus* is ſo well known, that I need not add the Sequel of it, which has no Relation to my preſent Subject. C

N° 230. *Friday, November 23.*

Homines ad Deos nullâ re propiùs accedunt, quam ſalutem Hominibus dando. Tull.

HUMANE Nature appears a very deformed, or a very beautiful Object, according to the different Lights in which it is viewed. When we ſee Men of inflamed Paſſions, or of wicked Deſigns, tearing one another to Pieces by open Violence, or undermining each other by ſecret Treachery; when we obſerve baſe and narrow Ends purſued by ignominious and diſhoneſt Means; when we behold Men mixed in Society as if it were for the Deſtruction of it; we are even aſhamed of our Species, and out of Humour with our own Being: But in another Light, when we behold them mild, good, and benevolent, full of a generous Regard for the publick Proſperity, compaſſionating each others Diſtreſſes, and relieving each others Wants, we can hardly believe they are Creatures of the ſame Kind. In this View they appear Gods to each other, in the Exerciſe of the nobleſt Power, that of doing Good; and the greateſt Compliment we have ever been able to make to our own Being,

ing, has been by calling this Diſpoſition of Mind Humanity. We cannot but obſerve a Pleaſure ariſing in our own Breaſt upon the ſeeing or hearing of a generous Action, even when we are wholly diſintereſted in it. I cannot give a more proper Inſtance of this, than by a Letter from *Pliny*, in which he recommends a Friend in the moſt handſome Manner, and, methinks, it would be a great Pleaſure to know the Succeſs of this Epiſtle, though each Party concerned in it has been ſo many hundred Years in his Grave.

To MAXIMUS.

'WHAT I ſhould gladly do for any Friend of
'yours, I think I may now with Confi-
'dence requeſt for a Friend of mine. *Arrianus*
'*Maturius* is the moſt conſiderable Man of his
'Country; when I call him ſo, I do not ſpeak
'with Relation to his Fortune, though that is ve-
'ry plentiful, but to his Integrity, Juſtice, Gravi-
'ty, and Prudence; his Advice is uſeful to me
'in Buſineſs, and his Judgment in Matters of
'Learning: His Fidelity, Truth, and good Un-
'derſtanding, are very great; beſides this, he loves
'me as you do, than which I cannot ſay any thing
'that ſignifies a warmer Affection. He has no-
'thing that's aſpiring; and though he might riſe to
'the higheſt Order of Nobility, he keeps himſelf
'in an inferiour Rank; yet I think my ſelf bound
'to uſe my Endeavours to ſerve and promote him;
'and would therefore find the Means of adding
'ſomething to his Honours while he neither ex-
'pects nor knows it, nay, though he ſhould refuſe
'it. Something, in ſhort, I would have for him
'that may be honourable, but not troubleſome;
'and I entreat that you will procure him the firſt
'thing of that kind that offers, by which you will
'not only oblige me, but him alſo; for though

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'he does not covet it, I know he will be as grate-
'ful in acknowledging your Favour as if he had
'asked it.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Reflections in ſome of your Papers on
'the ſervile manner of Education now in
'Uſe, have given Birth to an Ambition, which,
'unleſs you diſcountenance it, will, I doubt, en-
'gage me in a very difficult, tho' not ungrateful
'Adventure. I am about to undertake, for the
'ſake of the *Britiſh* Youth, to inſtruct them in
'ſuch a manner, that the moſt dangerous Page in
'*Virgil* or *Homer* may be read by them with much
'Pleaſure, and with perfect Safety to their Perſons.

'COULD I prevail ſo far as to be honoured
'with the Protection of ſome few of them, (for I
'am not Hero enough to reſcue many) my Deſign
'is to retire with them to an agreeable Solitude;
'tho' within the Neighbourhood of a City, for the
'Convenience of their being inſtructed in Muſick,
'Dancing, Drawing, Deſigning, or any other ſuch
'Accompliſhments, which it is conceived may
'make as proper Diverſions for them, and almoſt
'as pleaſant, as the little ſordid Games which dir-
'ty School-boys are ſo much delighted with. It
'may eaſily be imagined, how ſuch a pretty So-
'ciety, converſing with none beneath themſelves,
'and ſometimes admitted as perhaps not unenter-
'taining Parties amongſt better Company, com-
'mended and careſſed for their little Performan-
'ces, and turned by ſuch Converſations to a cer-
'tain Gallantry of Soul, might be brought early
'acquainted with ſome of the moſt polite *Engliſh*
'Writers. Thus having given them ſome tolera-
'ble Taſte of Books they would make themſelves
'Maſters of the *Latin* Tongue by Methods far
'eaſier than thoſe in *Lilly*, with as little Difficul-
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'ty or Reluctance as young Ladies learn to ſpeak '*French*, or to ſing *Italian* Operas. When they 'had advanced thus far, it would be time to form 'their Taſte ſomething more exactly: One that 'had any true Reliſh of fine Writing, might with 'great Pleaſure both to himſelf and them, run over 'together with them the beſt *Roman* Hiſtorians, 'Poets, and Orators, and point out their more re-'markable Beauties; give them a ſhort Scheme 'of Chronology, a little View of Geography, Me-'dals, Aſtronomy, or what elſe might beſt feed 'the buſy inquiſitive Humour ſo natural to that 'Age. Such of them as had the leaſt Spark of 'Genius, when it was once awakened by the 'ſhining Thoughts and great Sentiments of thoſe 'admired Writers, could not, I believe, be eaſily 'with-held from attempting that more difficult Si-'ſter Language, whoſe exalted Beauties they would 'have heard ſo often celebrated as the Pride and 'Wonder of the whole Learned World. In the 'mean while, it would be requiſite to exerciſe 'their Stile in writing any light Pieces that ask 'more of Fancy than of Judgment; and that fre-'quently in their Native Language, which every 'one methinks ſhould be moſt concerned to cul-'tivate, eſpecially Letters, in which a Gentleman 'muſt have ſo frequent Occaſions to diſtinguiſh 'himſelf. A Set of genteel good-natured Youths 'fallen into ſuch a Manner of Life, would form 'almoſt a little Academy, and doubtleſs prove no 'ſuch contemptible Companions, as might not 'often tempt a wiſer Man to mingle himſelf in 'their Diverſions, and draw them into ſuch ſeri-'ous Sports as might prove nothing leſs inſtructing 'than the graveſt Leſſons. I doubt not, but it 'might be made ſome of their favourite Plays, to 'contend which of them ſhould recite a beautiful 'Part of a Poem or Oration moſt gracefully, or

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'ſometimes to join in acting a Scene of *Terence*, '*Sophocles*, or our own *Shakeſpear*. The Cauſe of '*Milo* might again be pleaded before more favou-'rable Judges, *Cæſar* a ſecond time be taught to 'tremble, and another Race of *Athenians* be afreſh 'enraged at the Ambition of another *Philip*. A-'midſt theſe noble Amuſements, we could hope 'to ſee the early Dawnings of their Imagination 'daily brighten into Senſe, their Innocence im-'prove into Virtue, and their unexperienced Good-'Nature directed to a generous Love of their 'Country.

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N° 231. *Saturday, November* 24.

O Pudor! O Pietas!——— Mart.

LOOKING over the Letters which I have lately received from my Correſpondents, I met with the following one, which is written with ſuch a Spirit of Politeneſs, that I could not but be very much pleaſed with it my ſelf, and queſtion not but it will be as acceptable to the Reader.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU, who are no Stranger to publick Aſ-'ſemblies, cannot but have obſerved the 'Awe they often ſtrike on ſuch as are obliged to 'exert any Talent before them. This is a ſort of 'elegant Diſtreſs, to which ingenuous Minds are 'the moſt liable, and may therefore deſerve ſome 'Remarks in your Paper. Many a brave Fellow, 'who has put his Enemy to Flight in the Field, 'has been in the utmoſt Diſorder upon making a 'Speech before a Body of his Friends at home: One 'would think there was ſome Kind of Faſcination 'in the Eyes of a large Circle of People, when 'darting all together upon one Perſon. I have

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'ſeen a new Actor in a Tragedy ſo bound up by 'it, as to be ſcarce able to ſpeak or move, and have 'expected he would have died above three Acts 'before the Dagger or Cup of Poiſon were brought 'in. It would not be amiſs, if ſuch an one were at 'firſt introduced as a Ghoſt, or a Statue, till he 'recovered his Spirits, and grew fit for ſome liv-'ing Part.

'As this ſudden Deſertion of one's ſelf ſhews 'a Diffidence, which is not diſpleaſing, it implies 'at the ſame time the greateſt Reſpect to an Audi-'ence that can be. It is a ſort of mute Eloquence, 'which pleads for their Favour much better than 'Words could do; and we find their Generoſity 'naturally moved to ſupport thoſe who are in ſo 'much Perplexity to entertain them. I was ex-'tremely pleaſed with a late Inſtance of this Kind 'at the Opera of *Almahide*, in the Encouragement 'given to a young Singer, whoſe more than or-'dinary Concern on her firſt Appearance, recom-'mended her no leſs than her agreeable Voice, 'and juſt Performance. Meer Baſhfulneſs with-'out Merit is awkward; and Merit without Mo-'deſty, inſolent. But modeſt Merit has a double 'Claim to Acceptance, and generally meets with 'as many Patrons as Beholders.

I am, &c.

It is impoſſible that a Perſon ſhould exert him-ſelf to Advantage in an Aſſembly, whether it be his Part either to ſing or ſpeak, who lies under too great Oppreſſions of Modeſty. I remember, upon talking with a Friend of mine concerning the Force of Pronunciation, our Diſcourſe led us into the Enumeration of the ſeveral Organs of Speech, which an Orator ought to have in Perfection, as the Tongue, the Teeth, the Lips, the Noſe, the Pa-late, and the Wind-pipe. Upon which, ſays my

Friend, you have omitted the moſt material Organ of them all, and that is the Forehead.

BUT notwithſtanding an Exceſs of Modeſty obſtructs the Tongue, and renders it unfit for its Offices, a due Proportion of it is thought ſo requiſite to an Orator, that Rhetoricians have recommended it to their Diſciples as a Particular in their Art. *Cicero* tells us, that he never liked an Orator, who did not appear in ſome little Confuſion at the Beginning of his Speech, and confeſſes that he himſelf never entered upon an Oration without Trembling and Concern. It is indeed a Kind of Deference which is due to a great Aſſembly, and ſeldom fails to raiſe a Benevolence in the Audience towards the Perſon who ſpeaks. My Correſpondent has taken Notice, that the braveſt Men often appear timorous on theſe Occaſions; as indeed we may obſerve, that there is generally no Creature more impudent than a Coward.

———*Linguâ melior; ſed frigida bello*
Dextera———

A bold Tongue, and a feeble Arm, are the Qualifications of *Drances* in *Virgil*; as *Homer*, to expreſs a Man both timorous and ſawcy, makes uſe of a Kind of Point, which is very rarely to be met with in his Writings; namely, that he had the Eyes of a Dog, but the Heart of a Deer.

A juſt and reaſonable Modeſty does not only recommend Eloquence, but ſets off every great Talent which a Man can be poſſeſſed of. It heightens all the Virtues which it accompanies; like the Shades in Paintings, it raiſes and rounds every Figure, and makes the Colours more beautiful, tho' not ſo glaring as they would be without it.

MODESTY is not only an Ornament, but alſo a Guard to Virtue. It is a Kind of quick and delicate *Feeling* in the Soul, which makes her ſhrink and

and withdraw her ſelf from every Thing that has Danger in it. It is ſuch an exquiſite Senſibility, as warns her to ſhun the firſt Appearance of every Thing which is hurtful.

I cannot at preſent recollect either the Place or Time of what I am going to mention; but I have read ſomewhere in the Hiſtory of ancient *Greece*, that the Women of the Country were ſeized with an unaccountable Melancholy, which diſpoſed ſeveral of them to make away with themſelves. The Senate, after having try'd many Expedients to prevent this Self-Murder, which was ſo frequent among them, publiſhed an Edict, That if any Woman whatever ſhould lay violent Hands upon her ſelf, her Corps ſhould be expoſed naked in the Street, and dragged about the City in the moſt publick Manner. This Edict immediately put a Stop to the Practice which was before ſo common. We may ſee in this Inſtance the Strength of Female Modeſty, which was able to overcome the Violence even of Madneſs and Deſpair. The Fear of Shame in the Fair Sex, was in thoſe Days more prevalent than that of Death.

If Modeſty has ſo great an Influence over our Actions, and is in many Caſes ſo impregnable a Fence to Virtue; what can more undermine Morality than that Politeneſs which reigns among the unthinking Part of Mankind, and treats as unfaſhionable the moſt ingenuous Part of our Behaviour; which recommends Impudence as good Breeding, and keeps a Man always in Countenance, not becauſe he is Innocent, but becauſe he is Shameleſs.

SENECA thought Modeſty ſo great a Check to Vice, that he preſcribes to us the Practice of it in Secret, and adviſes us to raiſe it in our ſelves upon imaginary Occaſions, when ſuch as are real do not offer themſelves; for this is the Meaning of

his Precept, that when we are by our ſelves, and in our greateſt Solitudes, we ſhould fancy that *Cato* ſtands before us, and ſees every Thing we do. In ſhort, if you baniſh Modeſty out of the World, ſhe carries away with her half the Virtue that is in it.

AFTER theſe Reflections on Modeſty, as it is a Virtue; I muſt obſerve, that there is a Vicious Modeſty, which juſtly deſerves to be ridiculed, and which thoſe Perſons very often diſcover, who value themſelves moſt upon a well-bred Confidence. This happens when a Man is aſhamed to act up to his Reaſon, and would not upon any Conſideration be ſurprized in the Practice of thoſe Duties, for the Performance of which he was ſent into the World. Many an impudent Libertine would bluſh to be caught in a ſerious Diſcourſe, and would ſcarce be able to ſhew his Head, after having diſcloſed a religious Thought. Decency of Behaviour, all outward Show of Virtue, and Abhorrence of Vice, are carefully avoided by this Set of ſhame-faced People, as what would diſparage their Gaiety of Temper, and infallibly bring them to Diſhonour. This is ſuch a Poorneſs of Spirit, ſuch a deſpicable Cowardice, ſuch a degenerate abject State of Mind as one would think human Nature incapable of, did we not meet with frequent Inſtances of it in ordinary Converſation.

THERE is another Kind of vicious Modeſty which makes a Man aſhamed of his Perſon, his Birth, his Profeſſion, his Poverty, or the like Misfortunes, which it was not in his Choice to prevent, and is not in his Power to rectify. If a Man appears ridiculous by any of the aforementioned Circumſtances, he becomes much more ſo by being out of Countenance for them. They ſhould rather give him Occaſion to exert a noble Spirit, and to palliate thoſe Imperfections which are not in his Pow-

Power, by thoſe Perfections which are; or to uſe a very witty Alluſion of an eminent Author, he ſhould imitate *Cæſar*, who becauſe his Head was bald, covered that Defect with Laurels. C

N° 232. *Monday, November 26.*

Nihil largiundo gloriam adeptus eſt. Salluſt.

MY wiſe and good Friend, Sir *Andrew Freeport*, divides himſelf almoſt equally between the Town and the Country: His Time in Town is given up to the Publick and the Management of his private Fortune; and after every three or four Days ſpent in this Manner, he retires for as many to his Seat within a few Miles of the Town, to the Enjoyment of himſelf, his Family, and his Friend. Thus Buſineſs and Pleaſure, or rather, in Sir *Andrew*, Labour and Reſt, recommend each other: They take their Turns with ſo quick a Viciſſitude, that neither becomes a Habit, or takes Poſſeſſion of the whole Man; nor is it poſſible he ſhould be ſurfeited with either. I often ſee him at our Club in good Humour, and yet ſometimes too with an Air of Care in his Looks: But in his Country Retreat he is always unbent, and ſuch a Companion as I could deſire; and therefore I ſeldom fail to make one with him when he is pleaſed to invite me.

THE other Day, as ſoon as we were got into his Chariot, two or three Beggars on each Side hung upon the Doors, and ſollicited our Charity with the uſual Rhetorick of a ſick Wife or Huſband at home, three or four helpleſs little Children all ſtarving with Cold and Hunger. We were forced to part with ſome Money to get rid of their Importunity; and then we proceeded on our Journey with the Bleſſings and Acclamations of theſe People.

" WELL then, ſays Sir *Andrew*, we go off " with the Prayers and good Wiſhes of the Beggars, " and perhaps too our Healths will be drunk at the " next Ale-houſe: So all we ſhall be able to value " our ſelves upon, is, that we have promoted the " Trade of the Victualler, and the Exciſes of the " Government. But how few Ounces of Wool " do we ſee upon the Backs of thoſe poor Crea- " tures? And when they ſhall next fall in our Way, " they will hardly be better dreſt; they muſt always " live in Rags to look like Objects of Compaſſion. " If their Families too are ſuch as they are repre- " ſented, 'tis certain they cannot be better cloath- " ed, and muſt be a great deal worſe fed: One " would think Potatoes ſhould be all their Bread, " and their Drink the pure Element; and then " what goodly Cuſtomers are the Farmers like to " have for their Wool, Corn and Cattle? Such " Cuſtomers, and ſuch a Conſumption, cannot " but advance the Landed Intereſt, and hold up " the Rents of the Gentlemen.

" BUT of all Men living, we Merchants, who " live by Buying and Selling, ought never to en- " courage Beggars. The Goods which we export " are indeed the Product of the Lands, but much " the greateſt Part of their Value is the Labour of " the People: But how much of theſe Peoples La- " bour ſhall we export, whilſt we hire them to ſit " ſtill? The very Alms they receive from us, are " the Wages of Idleneſs. I have often thought that " no Man ſhould be permitted to take Relief from " the Pariſh, or to ask it in the Street, till he has firſt " purchaſed as much as poſſible of his own Live- " lihood by the Labour of his own Hands; and " then the Publick ought only to be taxed to make " good the Deficiency. If this Rule was ſtrictly " obſerved, we ſhould ſee every where ſuch a mul- " titude of new Labourers, as would in all Pro-

" bability

" bability reduce the Prices of all our Manufac-
" tures. It is the very Life of Merchandize to buy
" cheap and ſell dear. The Merchant ought to
" make his Out-ſet as cheap as poſſible, that he
" may find the greater Profit upon his Returns;
" and nothing will enable him to do this like the
" Reduction of the Price of Labour upon all our
" Manufactures. This too would be the ready
" Way to encreaſe the Number of our foreign
" Markets: The Abatement of the Price of the
" Manufacture would pay for the Carriage of it
" to more diſtant Countries; and this Conſequence
" would be equally beneficial both to the landed
" and trading Intereſts. As ſo great an Addition
" of labouring Hands would produce this happy
" Conſequence both to the Merchant and the Gen-
" tleman; our Liberality to common Beggars, and
" every other Obſtruction to the Increaſe of La-
" bourers, muſt be equally pernicious to both.

SIR *Andrew* then went on to affirm, That the Reduction of the Prices of our Manufactures by the Addition of ſo many new Hands, would be no Inconvenience to any Man: But obſerving I was ſomething ſtartled at the Aſſertion, he made a ſhort Pauſe, and then reſumed the Diſcourſe. " It
" may ſeem, ſays he, a Paradox, that the Price of
" Labour ſhould be reduced without an Abatement
" of Wages, or that Wages can be abated with-
" out any Inconvenience to the Labourer, and yet
" nothing is more certain than that both theſe
" Things may happen. The Wages of the La-
" bourers make the greateſt Part of the Price of
" every Thing that is uſeful; and if in Proportion
" with the Wages the Prices of all other Things
" ſhall be abated, every Labourer with leſs Wages
" would be ſtill able to purchaſe as many Neceſ-
" ſaries of Life, where then would be the Incon-
" venience? But the Price of Labour may be re-
" duced

" duced by the Addition of more Hands to a Ma-
" nufacture, and yet the Wages of Perſons remain
" as high as ever. The admirable Sir *William Pet-*
" *ty* has given Examples of this in ſome of his
" Writings: One of them, as I remember, is that
" of a Watch, which I ſhall endeavour to explain
" ſo as ſhall ſuit my preſent Purpoſe. It is certain,
" that a ſingle Watch could not be made ſo cheap
" in Proportion by one only Man, as a hundred
" Watches by a hundred; for as there is vaſt Va-
" riety in the Work, no one Perſon could equal-
" ly ſuit himſelf to all the Parts of it; the Manu-
" facture would be tedious, and at laſt but clum-
" ſily performed: But if a hundred Watches were
" to be made by a hundred Men, the Caſes may be
" aſſigned to one, the Dials to another, the Wheels
" to another, the Springs to another, and every o-
" ther Part to a proper Artiſt; as there would be no
" need of perplexing any one Perſon with too much
" Variety, every one would be able to perform
" his ſingle Part with greater Skill and Expediti-
" on; and the hundred Watches would be finiſhed
" in one fourth Part of the Time of the firſt one,
" and every one of them at one fourth Part of the
" Coſt, though the Wages of every Man were equal.
" The Reduction of the Price of the Manufacture
" would encreaſe the Demand of it, all the ſame
" Hands would be ſtill employed and as well paid.
" The ſame Rule will hold in the Cloathing, the
" Shipping, and all the other Trades whatſoever.
" And thus an Addition of Hands to our Manu-
" factures will only reduce the Price of them; the
" Labourer will ſtill have as much Wages, and
" will conſequently be enabled to purchaſe more
" Conveniences of Life; ſo that every Intereſt in
" the Nation would receive a Benefit from an In-
" creaſe of our working People.

" Be-

" BESIDES, I ſee no Occaſion for this Chari-
" ty to common Beggars, ſince every Beggar is an
" Inhabitant of a Pariſh, and every Pariſh is taxed
" to the Maintenance of their own Poor. For my
" own Part, I cannot be mightily pleaſed with the
" Laws which have done this, which have provid-
" ed better to feed than employ the Poor. We have
" a Tradition from our Fore-fathers, that after
" the firſt of thoſe Laws was made, they were in-
" ſulted with that famous Song;

Hang Sorrow, caſt away Care,
The Pariſh is bound to find us, &c.

" And if we will be ſo good-natured as to main-
" tain them without Work, they can do no leſs
" in Return than ſing us *The merry Beggars.*

" WHAT then? Am I againſt all Acts of Cha-
" rity? God forbid! I know of no Virtue in the
" Goſpel that is in more pathetical Expreſſions re-
" commended to our Practice. *I was hungry and*
" *ye gave me no Meat, thirſty, and ye gave me*
" *no Drink; naked and ye cloathed me not, a Stran-*
" *ger and ye took me not in; ſick and in Priſon and*
" *ye viſited me not.* Our Bleſſed Saviour treats the
" Exerciſe or Neglect of Charity towards a poor
" Man, as the Performance or Breach of this Duty
" towards himſelf. I ſhall endeavour to obey the
" Will of my Lord and Maſter: And therefore if
" an induſtrious Man ſhall ſubmit to the hardeſt
" Labour and coarſeſt Fare, rather than endure
" the Shame of taking Relief from the Pariſh, or
" asking it in the Street, this is the Hungry, the
" Thirſty, the Naked; and I ought to believe, if
" any Man is come hither for Shelter againſt Per-
" ſecution or Oppreſſion, this is the Stranger, and
" I ought to take him in. If any Countryman of
" our own is fallen into the Hands of Infidels, and
" lives in a State of miſerable Captivity, this is the

" Man

" Man in Priſon, and I ſhould contribute to his Ran-
" ſom. I ought to give to an Hoſpital of Invalids,
" to recover as many uſeful Subjects as I can; but
" I ſhall beſtow none of my Bounties upon an
" Alms-houſe of idle People; and for the ſame
" Reaſon I ſhould not think it a Reproach to me
" if I had withheld my Charity from thoſe com-
" mon Beggars. But we preſcribe better Rules
" than we are able to practiſe; we are aſhamed
" not to give into the miſtaken Cuſtoms of our
" Country: But at the ſame Time, I cannot but
" think it a Reproach worſe than that of com-
" mon Swearing, that the Idle and the Abandon-
" ed are ſuffered in the name of Heaven, and all
" that is ſacred, to extort from Chriſtian and ten-
" der Minds a Supply to a profligate Way of Life,
" that is always to be ſupported, but never relie-
" ved.

N°. 233. *Tueſday, November 27.*

——Tanquam hæc ſint noſtri medicina furoris,
Aut Deus ille malis hominum miteſcere diſcat.
Virg.

I Shall, in this Paper, diſcharge my ſelf of the Promiſe I have made to the Publick, by obliging them with a Tranſlation of the little *Greek* Manuſcript, which is ſaid to have been a Piece of thoſe Records that were preſerved in the Temple of *Apollo*, upon the Promontory of *Leucate:* It is a ſhort Hiſtory of the Lovers Leap, and is inſcribed, *An Account of Perſons Male and Female, who offered up their Vows in the Temple of the* Pythian Apollo, *in the Forty ſixth Olympiad, and leaped from the Promontory of* Leucate *into the* Ionian *Sea, in order to cure themſelves of the Paſſion of Love.*

THIS

THIS Account is very dry in many Parts, as only mentioning the Name of the Lover who leaped, the Perſon he leaped for, and relating, in ſhort, that he was either cured, or killed, or maimed, by the Fall. It indeed gives the Names of ſo many who died by it, that it would have looked like a Bill of Mortality, had I tranſlated it at full Length; I have therefore made an Abridgement of it, and only extracted ſuch particular Paſſages as have ſomething extraordinary, either in the Caſe, or in the Cure, or in the Fate of the Perſon who is mention'd in it. After this ſhort Preface, take the Account as follows.

BATTUS, the Son of *Menalcas*, the *Sicilian*, leaped for *Bombyca* the Muſician: Got rid of his Paſſion with the Loſs of his Right Leg and Arm, which were broken in the Fall.

MELISSA, in Love with *Daphnis*, very much bruiſed, but eſcaped with Life.

CYNISCA, the Wife of *Æſchines*, being in Love with *Lycus*; and *Æſchines* her Husband being in Love with *Eurilla*; (which had made this married Couple very uneaſy to one another for ſeveral Years) both the Husband and the Wife took the Leap by Conſent; they both of them eſcaped, and have lived very happily together ever ſince.

LARISSA, a Virgin of *Theſſaly*, deſerted by *Plexippus*, after a Courtſhip of three Years; ſhe ſtood upon the Brow of the Promontory for ſome Time, and after having thrown down a Ring, a Bracelet, and a little Picture, with other Preſents which ſhe had received from *Plexippus*, ſhe threw herſelf into the Sea, and was taken up alive.

N. B. Lariſſa, before ſhe leaped, made an Offering of a Silver *Cupid* in the Temple of *Apollo*.

SIMÆTHA, in Love with *Daphnis* the *Myndian*, periſhed in the Fall.

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CHARIXUS, the Brother of *Sappho*, in Love with *Rhodope* the Courtezan, having ſpent his whole Eſtate upon her, was adviſed by his Siſter to leap in the Beginning of his Amour, but would not hearken to her till he was reduced to his laſt Talent; being forſaken by *Rhodope*, at length reſolved to take the Leap. Periſhed in it.

ARIDÆUS, a beautiful Youth of *Epirus*, in Love with *Praxinoe*, the Wife of *Theſpis*, eſcaped without Damage, ſaving only that two of his Fore-Teeth were ſtruck out, and his Noſe a little flatted.

CLEORA, a Widow of *Epheſus*, being inconſolable for the Death of her Husband, was reſolved to take this Leap, in order to get rid of her Paſſion for his Memory; but being arrived at the Promontory, ſhe there met with *Dimmachus* the *Miletian*, and after a ſhort Converſation with him, laid aſide the Thoughts of her Leap, and married him in the Temple of *Apollo*.

N. B. Her Widow's Weeds are ſtill to be ſeen hanging up in the Weſtern Corner of the Temple.

OLPHIS, the Fiſherman, having received a Box on the Ear from *Theſtylis* the Day before, and being determined to have no more to do with her, leaped, and eſcaped with Life.

ATALANTA, an old Maid, whoſe Cruelty had ſeveral Years before driven two or three deſpairing Lovers to this Leap; being now in the fifty fifth Year of her Age, and in Love with an Officer of *Sparta*, broke her Neck in the Fall.

HIPPARCHUS being paſſionately fond of his own Wife; who was enamoured of *Bathyllus*, leaped and died of his Fall; upon which his Wife married her Gallant.

TETTYX, the Dancing-Maſter, in Love with *Olympia* an *Athenian* Matron, threw himſelf from the

the Rock with great Agility, but was crippled in the Fall.

DIAGORAS, the Uſurer, in Love with his Cook-Maid; he peeped ſeveral Times over the Precipice, but his Heart miſgiving him, he went back, and married her that Evening.

CINÆDUS, after having entered his own Name in the *Pythian* Records, being asked the Name of the Perſon whom he leaped for, and being aſhamed to diſcover it, he was ſet aſide, and not ſuffered to leap.

EUNICA, a Maid of *Paphos*, aged Nineteen, in Love with *Eurybates*. Hurt in the Fall, but recovered.

N. B. This was her ſecond Time of Leaping.

HESPERUS, a young Man of *Tarentum*, in Love with his Maſter's Daughter. Drowned, the Boats not coming in ſoon enough to his Relief.

SAPPHO, the *Lesbian*, in Love with *Phaon*, arrived at the Temple of *Apollo*, habited like a Bride in Garments as white as Snow. She wore a Garland of Myrtle on her Head, and carried in her Hand the little Muſical Inſtrument of her own Invention. After having ſung an Hymn to *Apollo*, ſhe hung up her Garland on one Side of his Altar, and her Harp on the other. She then tuck'd up her Veſtments like a *Spartan* Virgin, and amidſt thouſands of Spectators, who were anxious for her Safety, and offered up Vows for her Deliverance, marched directly forwards to the utmoſt Summit of the Promontory, where after having repeated a Stanza of her own Verſes, which we could not hear, ſhe threw her ſelf off the Rock with ſuch an Intrepidity, as was never before obſerved in any who had attempted that dangerous Leap. Many, who were preſent, related, that they ſaw her fall

into the Sea, from whence ſhe never roſe again; though there were others who affirmed, that ſhe never came to the Bottom of her Leap; but that ſhe was changed into a Swan as ſhe fell, and that they ſaw her hovering in the Air under that Shape. But whether or no the Whiteneſs and Fluttering of her Garments might not deceive thoſe who looked upon her, or whether ſhe might not really be metamorphoſed into that muſical and melancholy Bird, is ſtill a Doubt among the *Lesbians*.

ALCÆUS, the famous *Lyrick* Poet, who had for ſome Time been paſſionately in Love with *Sappho*, arrived at the Promontory of *Leucate* that very Evening, in order to take the Leap upon her Account; but hearing that *Sappho* had been there before him, and that her Body could be no where found, he very generouſly lamented her Fall, and is ſaid to have written his hundred and twenty fifth Ode upon that Occaſion.

Leaped in this Olympiad	370.	
Males	124	
Females	126	
Cured	120	
Males	51	
Females	69	C

N° 234. *Wedneſday, November* 28.

Vellem in amicitia erraremus. Hor.

YOU very often hear People, after a Story has been told with ſome entertaining Circumſtances, tell it over again with Particulars that deſtroy the Jeſt, but give Light into the Truth of the Narration. This ſort of Veracity, though it is impertinent,

pertinent, has ſomething amiable in it, becauſe it proceeds from the Love of Truth, even in frivolous Occaſions. If ſuch honeſt Amendments do not promiſe an agreeable Companion, they do a ſincere Friend; for which Reaſon, one ſhould allow them ſo much of our Time, if we fall into their Company, as to ſet us right in Matters that can do us no Manner of Harm, whether the Facts be one Way or the other. Lies which are told out of Arrogance and Oſtentation a Man ſhould detect in his own Defence, becauſe he ſhould not be triumph'd over; Lies which are told out of Malice he ſhould expoſe, both for his own Sake and that of the reſt of Mankind, becauſe every Man ſhould riſe againſt a common Enemy: But the officious Liar many have argued is to be excuſed, becauſe it does ſome Man good, and no Man hurt. The Man who made more than ordinary Speed from a Fight in which the *Athenians* were beaten, and told them they had obtained a compleat Victory, and put the whole City into the utmoſt Joy and Exultation, was checked by the Magiſtrates for his Falſhood; but excuſed himſelf by ſaying, Oh *Athenians*! am I your Enemy becauſe I gave ye two happy Days? This Fellow did to a whole People what an Acquaintance of mine does every Day he lives in ſome eminent Degree to particular Perſons. He is ever lying People into good Humour, and, as *Plato* ſaid, it was allowable in Phyſicians to lie to their Patients to keep up their Spirits; I am half doubtful whether my Friend's Behaviour is not as excuſable. His Manner is to expreſs himſelf ſurprized at the chearful Countenance of a Man whom he obſerves diffident of himſelf; and generally by that Means makes his Lie a Truth. He will, as if he did not know any Thing of the Circumſtance, ask one whom he knows at Variance with another, what is the

Meaning that Mr. ſuch a one, naming his Adverſary, does not applaud him with that Heartineſs which formerly he has heard him? He ſaid indeed (continues he) I would rather have that Man for my Friend than any Man in *England*; but for an Enemy——This melts the Perſon he talks to, who expected nothing but downright Raillery from that Side. According as he ſees his Practices ſucceed, he goes to the oppoſite Party, and tells him, he cannot imagine how it happens that ſome People know one another ſo little; you ſpoke with ſo much Coldneſs of a Gentleman who ſaid more Good of you, than, let me tell you, any Man living deſerves. The Succeſs of one of theſe Incidents was, that the next Time that one of the Adverſaries ſpyed the other, he hems after him in the publick Street; and they muſt crack a Bottle at the next Tavern, that uſed to turn out of the other's Way to avoid one another's Eye-ſhot. He will tell one Beauty ſhe was commended by another, nay, he will ſay ſhe gave the Woman he ſpeaks to the Preference in a Particular for which her ſelf is admired. The pleaſanteſt Confuſion imaginable is made through the whole Town by my Friend's indirect Offices; you ſhall have a Viſit returned after half a Year's abſence, and mutual Railing at each other every Day of that Time. They meet with a thouſand Lamentations for ſo long a Separation, each Party naming her ſelf for the greater Delinquent, if the other can poſſibly be ſo good as to forgive her, which ſhe has no Reaſon in the World, but from the Knowledge of her Goodneſs, to hope for. Very often a whole Train of Railers of each Side tire their Horſes in ſetting Matters right which they have ſaid during the War between the Parties; and a whole Circle of Acquaintance are put into a thouſand pleaſing Paſſions and Sentiments, inſtead of the Pangs of Anger, Envy, Detraction, and Malice.

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THE worſt Evil I ever obſerved this Man's Falſhood occaſion, has been that he turned Detraction into Flattery. He is well skilled in the Manners of the World, and by over-looking what Men really are, he grounds his Artifices upon what they have a Mind to be. Upon this Foundation, if two diſtant Friends are brought together, and the Cement ſeems to be weak, he never reſts till he finds new Appearances to take off all Remains of ill-will, and that by new Miſunderſtandings they are thoroughly reconciled.

To the SPECTATOR.

SIR, *Devonſhire*, *Nov.* 14. 1711.

'THERE arrived in this Neighbourhood two 'Days ago one of your gay Gentlemen of 'the Town, who being attended at his Entry with 'a Servant of his own, beſides a Countryman he 'had taken up for a Guide, excited the Curioſity 'of the Village to learn whence and what he 'might be. The Countryman (to whom they ap-'plied as moſt eaſy of Acceſs) knew little more 'than that the Gentleman came from *London* to 'travel and ſee Faſhions, and was, as he heard 'ſay, a Free-thinker; What Religion that might 'be, he could not tell; and for his own Part, if 'they had not told him the Man was a Free-'thinker, he ſhould have gueſſed, by his Way of 'talking, he was little better than a Heathen; ex-'cepting only that he had been a good Gentleman 'to him, and made him drunk twice in one Day, 'over and above what they had bargained for.

'I do not look upon the Simplicity of this, and 'ſeveral odd Enquiries with which I ſhall trouble 'you, to be wondered at, much leſs can I think 'that our Youths of fine Wit, and enlarged Un-'derſtandings, have any Reaſon to laugh. There 'is no Neceſſity that every Squire in *Great-Bri-*

'*tain* ſhould know what the Word Free-thinker 'ſtands for; but it were much to be wiſhed, that 'they who value themſelves upon that conceited 'Title, were a little better inſtructed what it 'ought to ſtand for; and that they would not per-'ſwade themſelves a Man is really and truly a 'Free-thinker in any tolerable Senſe, merely by 'Virtue of his being an Atheiſt, or an Infidel of 'any other Diſtinction. It may be doubted, with 'good Reaſon, whether there ever was in Nature 'a more abject, ſlaviſh, and bigotted Generation 'than the Tribe of *Beaux Eſprits*, at preſent ſo 'prevailing in this Iſland. Their Pretenſion to be 'Free-thinkers, is no other than Rakes have to be 'Free-livers, and Savages to be Free-men; that 'is, they can think whatever they have a Mind to, 'and give themſelves up to whatever Conceit the 'Extravagancy of their Inclination, or their Fan-'cy, ſhall ſuggeſt; they can think as wildly as 'they talk and act, and will not endure that their 'Wit ſhould be controuled by ſuch formal Things 'as Decency and common Senſe: Deduction, 'Coherence, Conſiſtency, and all the Rules of 'Reaſon they accordingly diſdain, as too preciſe 'and mechanical for Men of a liberal Education.

'THIS, as far as I could ever learn from their 'Writings, or my own Obſervation, is a true 'Account of a *Britiſh* Free-thinker. Our Viſi-'tant here, who gave Occaſion to this Paper, has 'brought with him a new Syſtem of common 'Senſe, the Particulars of which I am not yet ac-'quainted with, but will loſe no Opportunity of 'informing my ſelf whether it contain any Thing 'worth *Mr.* SPECTATOR's Notice. In the 'mean time, Sir, I cannot but think it would be 'for the Good of Mankind, if you would take 'this Subject into your own Conſideration, and 'convince the hopeful Youth of our Nation, that

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'Licentiouſneſs is not Freedom; or, if ſuch a 'Paradox will not be underſtood, that a Prejudice 'towards Atheiſm is not Impartiality. T

I am, SIR, Your moſt humble Servant,

PHILONOUS.

N° 235. *Thurſday, November 29.*

——Populares
Vincentem ſtrepitus—— Hor.

THERE is nothing which lies more within the Province of a Spectator than publick Shows and Diverſions; and as among theſe there are none which can pretend to vie with thoſe elegant Entertainments that are exhibited in our Theatres, I think it particularly incumbent on me to take Notice of every Thing that is remarkable in ſuch numerous and refined Aſſemblies.

IT is obſerved, that of late Years, there has been a certain Perſon in the upper Gallery of the Playhouſe, who when he is pleaſed with any Thing that is acted upon the Stage, expreſſes his Approbation by a loud Knock upon the Benches or the Wainſcot, which may be heard over the whole Theatre. This Perſon is commonly known by the Name of the *Trunk-maker in the upper Gallery*. Whether it be, that the Blow he gives on theſe Occaſions reſembles that which is often heard in the Shops of ſuch Artizans, or that he was ſuppoſed to have been a real Trunk-maker, who after the finiſhing of his Day's Work uſed to unbend his Mind at theſe publick Diverſions with his Hammer in his Hand, I cannot certainly tell. There are ſome, I know, who have been fooliſh enough to imagine it is a Spirit which haunts the upper Gallery, and from Time to Time makes thoſe ſtrange Noiſes; and the rather, becauſe he is obſerved to be

be louder than ordinary every Time the Ghoſt of *Hamlet* appears. Others have reported, that it is a dumb Man, who has choſen this Way of uttering himſelf, when he is tranſported with any Thing he ſees or hears. Others will have it to be the Play-houſe Thunderer, that exerts himſelf after this Manner in the upper Gallery, when he has nothing to do upon the Roof.

BUT having made it my Buſineſs to get the beſt Information I could in a Matter of this Moment, I find that the Trunk-maker, as he is commonly called, is a large black Man, whom no Body knows. He generally leans forward on a huge Oaken Plant with great Attention to every Thing that paſſes upon the Stage. He is never ſeen to ſmile; but upon hearing any Thing that pleaſes him, he takes up his Staff with both Hands, and lays it upon the next Piece of Timber that ſtands in his Way with exceeding Vehemence: After which he compoſes himſelf in his former Poſture, till ſuch Time as ſomething new ſets him again at Work.

IT has been obſerved his Blow is ſo well timed, that the moſt judicious Critick could never except againſt it. As ſoon as any ſhining Thought is expreſſed in the Poet, or any uncommon Grace appears in the Actor, he ſmites the Bench or Wainſcot. If the Audience does not concur with him, he ſmites a ſecond Time; and if the Audience is not yet awaked, looks round him with great Wrath, and repeats the Blow a third Time, which never fails to produce the Clap. He ſometimes lets the Audience begin the Clap of themſelves, and at the Concluſion of their Applauſe ratifies it with a ſingle Thwack.

HE is of ſo great Uſe to the Play-houſe, that it is ſaid a former Director of it, upon his not being able to pay his Attendance by reaſon of Sickneſs,

neſs, kept one in Pay to officiate for him till ſuch Time as he recovered; but the Perſon ſo employed, tho' he laid about him with incredible Violence, did it in ſuch wrong Places, that the Audience ſoon found out that it was not their old Friend the Trunk-maker.

It has been remarked, that he has not yet exerted himſelf with Vigour this Seaſon. He ſometimes plies at the Opera; and upon *Nicolini*'s firſt Appearance, was ſaid to have demoliſhed three Benches in the Fury of his Applauſe. He has broken half a dozen Oaken Plants upon *Dogget*, and ſeldom goes away from a Tragedy of *Shakeſpear*, without leaving the Wainſcot extreamly ſhattered.

The Players do not only connive at this his obſtreperous Approbation, but very chearfully repair at their own Coſt whatever Damages he makes. They had once a Thought of erecting a kind of wooden Anvil for his Uſe, that ſhould be made of a very ſounding Plank, in order to render his Stroaks more deep and mellow; but as this might not have been diſtinguiſhed from the Muſick of a Kettle-Drum, the Project was laid aſide.

In the mean while, I cannot but take Notice of the great Uſe it is to an Audience, that a Perſon ſhould thus preſide over their Heads, like the Director of a Conſort, in order to awaken their Attention, and beat Time to their Applauſes; or, to raiſe my Simile, I have ſometimes fancied the Trunk-maker in the upper Gallery to be like *Virgil*'s Ruler of the Winds, ſeated upon the Top of a Mountain, who, when he ſtruck his Sceptre upon the Side of it, rouſed an Hurricane, and ſet the whole Cavern in an Uproar.

It is certain the Trunk-maker has ſaved many a good Play, and brought many a graceful Actor into Reputation, who would not otherwiſe have been taken

ken Notice of. It is very viſible, as the Audience is not a little abaſhed, if they find themſelves betrayed into a Clap, when their Friend in the upper Gallery does not come into it; ſo the Actors do not value themſelves upon the Clap, but regard it as a meer *Brutum fulmen*, or empty Noiſe, when it has not the Sound of the Oaken Plant in it. I know it has been given out by thoſe who are Enemies to the Trunk-maker, that he has ſometimes been bribed to be in the Intereſt of a bad Poet, or a vicious Player; but this is a Surmiſe which has no Foundation; his Stroaks are always juſt, and his Admonitions ſeaſonable; he does not deal about his Blows at Random, but always hits the right Nail upon the Head. That inexpreſſible Force wherewith he lays them on, ſufficiently ſhews the Evidence and Strength of his Conviction. His Zeal for a good Author is indeed outragious, and breaks down every Fence and Partition, every Board and Plank, that ſtands within the Expreſſion of his Applauſe.

As I do not care for terminating my Thoughts in barren Speculations, or in Reports of pure Matter of Fact, without drawing ſomething from them for the Advantage of my Countrymen, I ſhall take the Liberty to make an humble Propoſal, that whenever the Trunk-maker ſhall depart this Life, or whenever he ſhall have loſt the Spring of his Arm by Sickneſs, old Age, Infirmity, or the like, ſome able bodied Critick ſhould be advanc'd to this Poſt, and have a competent Salary ſettled on him for Life, to be furniſhed with Bamboos for Operas, Crab-tree Cudgels for Comedies, and Oaken Plants for Tragedy, at the publick Expence. And to the End that this Place ſhould be always diſpoſed of according to Merit, I would have none preferred to it, who has not given convincing Proofs both of a ſound Judgment and a ſtrong Arm, and who could

could not, upon Occaſion, either knock down an Ox, or write a Comment upon *Horace*'s Art of Poetry. In ſhort, I would have him a due Compoſition of *Hercules* and *Apollo*, and ſo rightly qualified for this important Office, that the *Trunk-maker* may not be miſſed by our Poſterity. C

N° 236. *Friday, November* 30.

——*Dare Jura maritis.* Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU have not ſpoken in ſo direct a Manner 'upon the Subject of Marriage as that im- 'portant Caſe deſerves. It would not be impro- 'per to obſerve upon the Peculiarity in the Youth 'of *Great Britain*, of railing and laughing at that 'Inſtitution; and when they fall into it, from a 'profligate Habit of Mind, being inſenſible of the 'Satisfactions in that Way of Life, and treating 'their Wives with the moſt barbarous Diſreſpect.

'PARTICULAR Circumſtances and Caſt of 'Temper, muſt teach a Man the Probability of 'mighty Uneaſineſſes in that State, (for unque- 'ſtionably ſome there are whoſe very Diſpoſitions 'are ſtrangely averſe to conjugal Friendſhip;) but 'no one, I believe, is by his own natural Com- 'plexion prompted to teaze and torment another 'for no Reaſon but being nearly allied to him: 'And can there be any thing more baſe, or ſerve 'to ſink a Man ſo much below his own diſtin- 'guiſhing Characteriſtick, (I mean Reaſon) than 'returning Evil for Good in ſo open a Manner, 'as that of treating an helpleſs Creature with Un- 'kindneſs, who has had ſo good an Opinion of him 'as to believe what he ſaid relating to one of the 'greateſt Concerns of Life, by delivering her Hap- 'pineſs in this World to his Care and Protection?

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'Muſt not that Man be abandoned to all Manner of Humanity, who can deceive a Woman with Appearances of Affection and Kindneſs, for no other End but to torment her with more Eaſe and Authority? Is any thing more unlike a Gentleman, than when his Honour is engaged for the performing his Promiſes, becauſe nothing but that can oblige him to it, to become afterwards falſe to his Word, and be alone the Occaſion of Miſery to one whoſe Happineſs he but lately pretended was dearer to him than his own? Ought ſuch a one to be truſted in his common Affairs? or treated but as one whoſe Honeſty conſiſted only in his Incapacity of being otherwiſe?

'THERE is one Cauſe of this Uſage no leſs abſurd than common, which takes place among the more unthinking Men; and that is the Deſire to appear to their Friends free and at Liberty, and without thoſe Trammels they have ſo much ridiculed. To avoid this they fly into the other Extream, and grow Tyrants that they may ſeem Maſters. Becauſe an uncontroulable Command of their own Actions is a certain Sign of entire Dominion, they won't ſo much as recede from the Government even in one Muſcle of their Faces. A kind Look they believe would be fawning, and a civil Anſwer yielding the Superiority. To this muſt we attribute an Auſterity they betray in every Action: What but this can put a Man out of Humour in his Wife's Company, tho' he is ſo diſtinguiſhingly pleaſant every where elſe? The Bitterneſs of his Replies, and the Severity of his Frowns to the tendereſt of Wives, clearly demonſtrate, that an ill-grounded Fear of being thought too ſubmiſſive, is at the Bottom of this, as I am willing to call it affected Moroſeneſs; but if it be ſuch only, put on to convince his Acquaintance of his entire Dominion, let him take

'take Care of the Conſequence, which will be certain, and worſe than the preſent Evil; his ſeeming Indifference will by Degrees grow into real 'Contempt, and if it doth not wholly alienate the 'Affections of his Wife for ever from him, make 'both him and her more miſerable than if it really 'did ſo.

'HOWEVER inconſiſtent it may appear, to be 'thought a well-bred Perſon has no ſmall Share in 'this clowniſh Behaviour: A Diſcourſe therefore 'relating to good Breeding towards a loving and 'a tender Wife, would be of great Uſe to this Sort 'of Gentlemen, could you but once convince them, 'that to be civil at leaſt is not beneath the Character of a Gentleman, nor even tender Affection 'towards one who would make it reciprocal, betray any Softneſs or Effeminacy that the moſt 'maſculine Diſpoſition need be aſhamed of; could 'you ſatisfy them of the Generoſity of voluntary 'Civility, and the Greatneſs of Soul that is conſpicuous in Benevolence without immediate Obligations; could you recommend to People's 'Practice the Saying of the Gentleman quoted in 'one of your Speculations, *That he thought it incumbent upon him to make the Inclinations of a 'Woman of Merit go along with her Duty*: Could 'you, I ſay, perſuade theſe Men of the Beauty and 'Reaſonableneſs of this Sort of Behaviour, I have 'ſo much Charity for ſome of them at leaſt, to 'believe you would convince them of a Thing they 'are only aſhamed to allow: Beſides, you would 'recommend that State in its trueſt, and conſequently its moſt agreeable Colours; and the Gentlemen who have for any Time been ſuch profeſſed Enemies to it, when Occaſion ſhould ſerve, 'would return you their Thanks for aſſiſting their 'Intereſt in prevailing over their Prejudices. Marriage in general would by this Means be a more

'easy and comfortable Condition; the Husband 'would be no where ſo well ſatisfied as in his own 'Parlour, nor the Wife ſo pleaſant as in the Com-'pany of her Husband: a Deſire of being agreea-'ble in the Lover would be increaſed in the Huſ-'band, and the Miſtreſs be more amiable by be-'coming the Wife. Beſides all which, I am apt 'to believe we ſhould find the Race of Men grow 'wiſer as their Progenitors grew kinder, and the 'Affection of the Parents would be conſpicuous 'in the Wiſdom of their Children; in ſhort, Men 'would in general be much better humoured than 'they are, did not they ſo frequently exerciſe the 'worſt Turns of their Temper where they ought 'to exert the beſt.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Woman who left the Admiration of 'this whole Town, to throw my ſelf (for 'Love of Wealth) into the Arms of a Fool. 'When I married him, I could have had any one 'of ſeveral Men of Senſe who languiſhed for me; 'but my Caſe is juſt. I believed my ſuperior Un-'derſtanding would form him into a tractable Crea-'ture. But, alas, my Spouſe has Cunning and 'Suſpicion, the inſeparable Companions of little 'Minds; and every Attempt I make to divert, by 'putting on an agreeable Air, a ſudden Chearful-'neſs, or kind Behaviour, he looks upon as the 'firſt Acts towards an Inſurrection againſt his un-'deſerved Dominion over me. Let every one who 'is ſtill to chuſe, and hopes to govern a Fool, re-'member.

TRISTISSA.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *St. Martins, Novemb.* 25.

'THIS is to complain of an evil Practice which 'I think very well deſerves a Redreſs, though 'you have not as yet taken any Notice of it: If you 'mention it in your Paper, it may perhaps have a

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'very good Effect. What I mean, is the Diſturbance ſome People give to others at Church, by their Repetition of the Prayers after the Miniſter, and that not only in the Prayers, but alſo the Abſolution and the Commandments fare no better, which are in a particular manner the Prieſt's Office: This I have known done in ſo audible a manner, that ſometimes their Voices have been as loud as his. As little as you would think it, this is frequently done by People ſeemingly devout. This irreligious Inadvertency is a Thing extremely offenſive; but I do not recommend it as a Thing I give you Liberty to ridicule, but hope it may be amended by the bare Mention.

T *SIR, Your very humble Servant*, T. S.

N° 237. *Saturday, December* 1.

Viſu carentem magna pars veri latet.
Senec. in OEdip.

IT is very reaſonable to believe, that Part of the Pleaſure which happy Minds ſhall enjoy in a future State, will ariſe from an enlarged Contemplation of the Divine Wiſdom in the Government of the World, and a Diſcovery of the ſecret and amazing Steps of Providence, from the Beginning to the End of Time. Nothing ſeems to be an Entertainment more adapted to the Nature of Man, if we conſider that Curioſity is one of the ſtrongeſt and moſt laſting Appetites implanted in us, and that Admiration is one of our moſt pleaſing Paſſions; and what a perpetual Succeſſion of Enjoyments will be afforded to both theſe, in a Scene ſo large and various as ſhall then be laid open to our View in the Society of ſuperior Spirits, who perhaps will join with us in ſo delightful a Proſpect!

IT is not impoſſible, on the contrary, that Part of the Puniſhment of ſuch as are excluded from

Bliſs, may conſiſt not only in their being denied this Privilege, but in having their Appetites at the ſame Time vaſtly encreaſed, without any Satisfaction afforded to them. In theſe, the vain Purſuit of Knowledge ſhall, perhaps, add to their Infelicity, and bewilder them in Labyrinths of Error, Darkneſs, Diſtraction and Uncertainty of every thing but their own evil State. *Milton* has thus repreſented the fallen Angels Reaſoning together in a kind of Reſpite from their Torments, and creating to themſelves a new Diſquiet amidſt their very Amuſements; he could not properly have deſcribed the Sports of condemned Spirits, without that Caſt of Horror and Melancholy he has ſo judiciouſly mingled with them.

Others apart ſate on a Hill retired,
In Thoughts more elevate, and reaſon'd high
Of Providence, Foreknowledge, Will, and Fate,
Fixt Fate, Freewill, Foreknowledge abſolute,
And found no End, in wandring Mazes loſt.

In our preſent Condition, which is a middle State, our Minds are, as it were, chequered with Truth and Falſhood; and as our Faculties are narrow and our Views imperfect, it is impoſſible but our Curioſity muſt meet with many Repulſes. The Buſineſs of Mankind in this Life being rather to act than to know, their Portion of Knowledge is dealt to them accordingly.

From hence it is, that the Reaſon of the Inquiſitive has ſo long been exerciſed with Difficulties, in accounting for the promiſcuous Diſtribution of Good and Evil to the Virtuous and the Wicked in this World. From hence come all thoſe pathetical Complaints of ſo many tragical Events, which happen to the Wiſe and the Good; and of ſuch ſurprizing Proſperity, which is often the Reward of the Guilty and the Fooliſh; that Reaſon is ſometimes

times puzzled, and at a Loſs what to pronounce upon ſo myſterious a Diſpenſation.

PLATO expreſſes his Abhorrence of ſome Fables of the Poets, which ſeem to reflect on the Gods as the Authors of Injuſtice; and lays it down as a Principle, That whatever is permitted to befal a juſt Man, whether Poverty, Sickneſs, or any of thoſe things which ſeem to be Evils, ſhall either in Life or Death conduce to his Good. My Reader will obſerve how agreeable this Maxim is to what we find delivered by a greater Authority. *Seneca* has written a Diſcourſe purpoſely on this Subject, in which he takes Pains, after the Doctrine of the *Stoicks*, to ſhew, that Adverſity is not in it ſelf an Evil; and mentions a noble Saying of *Demetrius*, That *nothing would be more unhappy than a Man who had never known Affliction.* He compares Proſperity to the Indulgence of a fond Mother to a Child, which often proves his Ruin; but the Affection of the Divine Being to that of a wiſe Father, who would have his Sons exerciſed with Labour, Diſappointment, and Pain, that they may gather Strength, and improve their Fortitude. On this Occaſion the Philoſopher riſes into that celebrated Sentiment, That there is not on Earth a Spectacle more worthy the Regard of a Creator intent on his Works, than a brave Man ſuperior to his Sufferings; to which he adds, That it muſt be a Pleaſure to *Jupiter* himſelf to look down from Heaven, and ſee *Cato* amidſt the Ruins of his Country preſerving his Integrity.

THIS Thought will appear yet more reaſonable, if we conſider humane Life as a State of Probation, and Adverſity as the Poſt of Honour in it, aſſigned often to the beſt and moſt ſelect Spirits.

BUT what I would chiefly inſiſt on here, is, that we are not at preſent in a proper Situation to judge of the Counſels by which Providence acts, ſince

but little arrives at our Knowledge, and even that little we diſcern imperfectly; or, according to the elegant Figure in Holy Writ, *We ſee but in part, and as in a Glaſs darkly.* It is to be conſidered, that Providence in its OEconomy regards the whole Syſtem of Time and Things together, ſo that we cannot diſcover the beautiful Connexions between Incidents which lie widely ſeparated in Time, and by loſing ſo many Links of the Chain, our Reaſonings become broken and imperfect. Thus thoſe Parts in the moral World which have not an abſolute, may yet have a relative Beauty, in reſpect of ſome other Parts concealed from us, but open to his Eye before whom *Paſt*, *Preſent*, and *To come*, are ſet together in one Point of View; and thoſe Events, the Permiſſion of which ſeems now to accuſe his Goodneſs, may in the Conſummation of Things both magnify his Goodneſs, and exalt his Wiſdom. And this is enough to check our Preſumption, ſince it is in vain to apply our Meaſures of Regularity to Matters of which we know neither the Antecedents nor the Conſequents, the Beginning nor the End.

I ſhall relieve my Readers from this abſtracted Thought, by relating here a *Jewiſh* Tradition concerning *Moſes*, which ſeems to be a kind of Parable, illuſtrating what I have laſt mentioned. That great Prophet, it is ſaid, was called up by a Voice from Heaven to the Top of a Mountain; where, in a Conference with the Supreme Being, he was permitted to propoſe to him ſome Queſtions concerning his Adminiſtration of the Univerſe. In the midſt of this Divine Colloquy he was commanded to look down on the Plain below. At the Foot of the Mountain there iſſued out a clear Spring of Water, at which a Soldier alighted from his Horſe to drink. He was no ſooner gone than a little Boy came to the ſame Place, and finding a Purſe of Gold which

which the Soldier had dropped, took it up and went away with it. Immediately after this came an infirm old Man, weary with Age and Travelling, and having quenched his Thirſt, ſat down to reſt himſelf by the Side of the Spring. The Soldier miſſing his Purſe returns to ſearch for it, and demands it of the old Man, who affirms he had not ſeen it, and appeals to Heaven in Witneſs of his Innocence. The Soldier not believing his Proteſtations, kills him. *Moſes* fell on his Face with Horror and Amazement. when the Divine Voice thus prevented his Expoſtulation; 'Be not ſurpriz-'ed *Moſes*, nor ask why the Judge of the whole 'Earth has ſuffer'd this Thing to come to paſs: 'The Child is the Occaſion that the Blood of the 'old Man is ſpilt; but know, that the old Man 'whom thou ſaw'ſt, was the Murderer of that 'Child's Father.

N° 238. *Monday, December 3.*

Nequicquam populo bibulas donaveris Aures,
Reſpue quod non es ——— Perſius, Sat. 4.

AMONG all the Diſeaſes of the Mind, there is not one more epidemical or more pernicious than the Love of Flattery. For as where the Juices of the Body are prepared to receive a malignant influence, there the Diſeaſe rages with moſt Violence; ſo in this Diſtemper of the Mind, where there is ever a Propenſity and Inclination to ſuck in the Poiſon, it cannot be but that the whole Order of reaſonable Action muſt be overturn'd, for, like Muſick, it

——So ſoftens and diſarms the Mind,
That not one Arrow can Reſiſtance find.

Firſt we flatter our ſelves, and then the Flattery of others is ſure of Succeſs. It awakens our Self-Love

Love within, a Party which is ever ready to revolt from our better Judgment, and join the Enemy without. Hence it is, that the Profuſion of Favours we ſo often ſee poured upon the Paraſite, are repreſented to us, by our Self-Love, as Juſtice done to the Man, who ſo agreeably reconciles us to our ſelves. When we are overcome by ſuch ſoft Inſinuations and enſnaring Compliances, we gladly recompence the Artifices that are made uſe of to blind our Reaſon, and which triumph over the Weakneſſes of our Temper and Inclinations.

BUT were every Man perſuaded from how mean and low a Principle this Paſſion is derived, there can be no doubt but the Perſon who ſhould attempt to gratify it, would then be as contemptible as he is now ſucceſsful. 'Tis the Deſire of ſome Quality we are not poſſeſſed of, or Inclination to be ſomething we are not, which are the Cauſes of our giving our ſelves up to that Man, who beſtows upon us the Characters and Qualities of others; which perhaps ſuit us as ill, and were as little deſign'd for our wearing, as their Cloaths; Inſtead of going out of our own complectional Nature into that of others, 'twere a better and more laudable Induſtry to improve our own, and inſtead of a miſerable Copy become a good Original; for there is no Temper, no Diſpoſition ſo rude and untractable, but may in its own peculiar Caſt and Turn be brought to ſome agreeable Uſe in Converſation, or in the Affairs of Life. A Perſon of a rougher Deportment, and leſs tied up to the uſual Ceremonies of Behaviour, will, like *Manly* in the Play, pleaſe by the Grace which Nature gives to every Action wherein ſhe is complied with; the Brisk and Lively will not want their Admirers, and even a more reſerved and melancholy Temper may at ſome Times be agreeable.

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WHEN there is not Vanity enough awake in a Man to undoe him, the Flatterer ſtirs up that dormant Weakneſs, and inſpires him with Merit enough to be a Coxcomb. But if Flattery be the moſt ſordid Act that can be complied with, the Art of Praiſing juſtly is as commendable: For 'tis laudable to praiſe well; as Poets at one and the ſame Time give him Immortality, and receive it themſelves for a Reward: Both are pleaſed, the one whilſt he receives the Recompence of Merit, the other, whilſt he ſhews he knows how to diſcern it; but above all, that Man is happy in this Art, who, like a skilful Painter, retains the Features and Complexion, but ſtill ſoftens the Picture into the moſt agreeable Likeneſs.

THERE can hardly, I believe, be imagin'd a more deſirable Pleaſure, than that of Praiſe unmix'd with any Poſſibility of Flattery. Such was that which *Germanicus* enjoyed, when, the Night before a Battle, deſirous of ſome ſincere Mark of the Eſteem of his Legions for him, he is deſcribed by *Tacitus* liſtening in a Diſguiſe to the Diſcourſe of a Soldier, and wrapt up in the Fruition of his Glory, whilſt with an undeſigned Sincerity they praiſed his noble and majeſtick Mein, his Affability, his Valour, Conduct, and Succeſs in War. How muſt a Man have his Heart full-blown with Joy in ſuch an Article of Glory as this? What a Spur and Encouragement ſtill to proceed in thoſe Steps which had already brought him to ſo pure a Taſte of the greateſt of mortal Enjoyments?

IT ſometimes happens, that even Enemies and envious Perſons beſtow the ſincereſt Marks of Eſteem when they leaſt deſign it. Such afford a greater Pleaſure, as extorted by Merit, and freed from all Suſpicion of Favour or Flattery. Thus it is with *Malvolio*; he has Wit, Learning, and Diſcernment, but temper'd with an Allay of Envy, Self-

Self-Love, and Detraction: *Malvolio* turns pale at the Mirth and good Humour of the Company, if it center not in his Perſon; he grows jealous and diſpleaſed when he ceaſes to be the only Perſon admired, and looks upon the Commendations paid to another as a Detraction from his Merit, and an Attempt to leſſen the Superiority he affects; but by this very Method he beſtows ſuch Praiſe as can never be ſuſpected of Flattery. His Uneaſineſs and Diſtaſtes are ſo many ſure and certain Signs of another's Title to that Glory he deſires, and has the Mortification to find himſelf not poſſeſſed of.

A good Name is fitly compared to a precious Ointment, and when we are praiſed with Skill and Decency, 'tis indeed the moſt agreeable Perfume, but if too ſtrongly admitted into a Brain of a leſs vigorous and happy Texture, 'twill like too ſtrong an Odour, overcome the Senſes, and prove pernicious to thoſe Nerves 'twas intended to refreſh. A generous Mind is of all others the moſt ſenſible of Praiſe and Diſpraiſe; and a noble Spirit is as much invigorated with its due Proportion of Honour and Applauſe, as 'tis depreſſed by Neglect and Contempt: But 'tis only Perſons far above the common Level who are thus affected with either of theſe Extreams; as in a Thermometer, 'tis only the pureſt and moſt ſublimated Spirit that is either contracted or dilated by the Benignity or Inclemency of the Seaſon.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Tranſlations which you have lately gi-
'ven us from the *Greek* in ſome of your laſt
'Papers, have been the Occaſion of my looking
'into ſome of thoſe Authors; among whom I
'chanced on a Collection of Letters which paſs
'under the Name of *Ariſtænetus*. Of all the Re-
'mains of Antiquity, I believe there can be No-
'thing

'thing produc'd of an Air ſo gallant and polite; 'each Letter contains a little Novel or Adventure, 'which is told with all the Beauties of Language, 'and heightened with a Luxuriance of Wit. There 'are ſeveral of them tranſlated, but with ſuch 'wide Deviations from the Original, and in a Stile 'ſo far differing from the Author's, that the Tran-'ſlator ſeems rather to have taken Hints for the 'expreſſing his own Senſe and Thoughts, than to 'have endeavoured to render thoſe of *Ariſtænetus*. 'In the following Tranſlation, I have kept as near 'the Meaning of the *Greek* as I could, and have 'only added a few Words to make the Sentences in '*Engliſh* ſit together a little better than they would 'otherwiſe have done. The Story ſeems to be ta-'ken from that of *Pigmalion* and the Statue in *O-'vid*: Some of the Thoughts are of the ſame 'Turn, and the Whole is written in a Kind of 'Poetical Proſe.

Philopinax to *Chromation*.

"NEVER was a Man more overcome "with ſo fantaſtical a Paſſion as mine. I "have painted a beautiful Woman, and am de-"ſpairing, dying for the Picture. My own Skill "has undone me; 'tis not the Dart of *Venus*, but "my own Pencil has thus wounded me. Ah me! "with what Anxiety am I neceſſitated to adore "my own Idol? How miſerable am I, whilſt "every one muſt as much pity the Painter as he "praiſes the Picture, and own my Torment more "than equal to my Art. But why do I thus com-"plain? Have there not been more unhappy and "unnatural Paſſions than mine? Yes, I have ſeen "the Repreſentations of *Phædra*, *Narciſſus*, and "*Paſiphae*. *Phædra* was unhappy in her Love; "that of *Paſiphae* was monſtrous; and whilſt the "other caught at his beloved Likeneſs, he deſtroy-

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" ed the watry Image, which ever eluded his Em-
" braces: The Fountain repreſented *Narciſſus* to
" himſelf, and the Picture both that and him,
" thirſting after his adored Image. But I am yet
" leſs unhappy, I enjoy her Preſence continually,
" and if I touch her I deſtroy not the beauteous
" Form, but ſhe looks pleaſed, and a ſweet Smile
" ſits in the charming Space which divides her
" Lips. One would ſwear that Voice and Speech
" were iſſuing out, and that one's Ears felt the
" melodious Sound. How often have I, deceived
" by a Lover's Credulity, hearkened if ſhe had not
" ſomething to whiſper me? and when fruſtrated
" of my Hopes, how often have I taken my Re-
" venge in Kiſſes from her Cheeks and Eyes, and
" ſoftly wooed her to my Embrace? whilſt ſhe (as
" to me it ſeem'd) only with-held her Tongue, the
" more to enflame me. But, Madman that I am,
" ſhall I be thus taken with the Repreſentation on-
" ly of a beautiful Face and flowing Hair, and
" thus waſte my ſelf and melt to Tears for a Sha-
" dow? Ah, ſure 'tis ſomething more, 'tis a Rea-
" lity! For ſee her Beauties ſhine out with new
" Luſtre, and ſhe ſeems to upbraid me with ſuch
" unkind Reproaches. O may I have a living Mi-
" ſtreſs of this Form, that when I ſhall compare
" the Work of Nature and that of Art, I may be
" ſtill at a Loſs which to chuſe, and be long per-
" plex'd with the pleaſing Uncertainty. T

N° 239. *Tueſday, December* 4.

——*Bella, horrida bella!* Virg.

I Have ſometimes amuſed my ſelf with conſi-
dering the ſeveral Methods of managing a De-
bate, which have obtained in the World.

THE

THE firſt Races of Mankind uſed to diſpute, as our ordinary People do now-a-days, in a kind of wild Logick, uncultivated by Rules of Art.

SOCRATES introduced a catechetical Method of Arguing. He would ask his Adverſary Queſtion upon Queſtion, till he had convinced him out of his own Mouth that his Opinions were wrong. This Way of Debating drives an Enemy up into a Corner, ſeizes all the Paſſes through which he can make an Eſcape, and forces him to ſurrender at Diſcretion.

ARISTOTLE changed this Method of Attack, and invented a great Variety of little Weapons, called Syllogiſms. As in the *Socratick* Way of Diſpute you agree to every Thing which your Opponent advances, in the *Ariſtotelick* you are ſtill denying and contradicting ſome Part or other of what he ſays. *Socrates* conquers you by Stratagem, *Ariſtotle* by Force: The one takes the Town by Sapp, the other Sword in Hand.

THE Univerſities of *Europe*, for many Years, carried on their Debates by Syllogiſm, inſomuch that we ſee the Knowledge of ſeveral Centuries laid out into Objections and Anſwers, and all the good Senſe of the Age cut and minced into almoſt an Infinitude of Diſtinctions.

WHEN our Univerſities found that there was no End of Wrangling this Way, they invented a Kind of Argument, which is not reducible to any Mood or Figure of *Ariſtotle*. It was called the *Argumentum Baſilinum* (others write it *Bacilinum* or *Baculinum*) which is pretty well expreſs'd in our *Engliſh* Word *Club-Law*. When they were not able to confute their Antagoniſt, they knock'd him down. It was their Method in theſe polemical Debates, firſt to diſcharge their Syllogiſms, and afterwards to betake themſelves to their Clubs, till ſuch Time as they had one Way or other con-

founded their Gainſayers. There is in *Oxford* a narrow Defile, (to make uſe of a military Term) where the Partizans uſed to encounter, for which Reaſon it ſtill retains the Name of *Logic-Lane*. I have heard an old Gentleman, a Phyſician, make his Boaſts, that when he was a young Fellow he marched ſeveral Times at the Head of a Troop of *Scotiſts*, and cudgell'd a Body of *Smigleſians* half the Length of *High-ſtreet*, till they had diſperſed themſelves for Shelter into their reſpective Garriſons.

THIS Humour, I find, went very far in *Eraſmus*'s Time. For that Author tells us, That upon the Revival of *Greek* Letters, moſt of the Univerſities in *Europe* were divided into *Greeks* and *Trojans*. The latter were thoſe who bore a mortal Hatred to the Language of the *Grecians*, inſomuch that if they met with any who underſtood it, they did not fail to treat him as a Foe. *Eraſmus* himſelf had, it ſeems, the Misfortune to fall into the Hands of a Party of *Trojans*, who laid him on with ſo many Blows and Buffets, that he never forgot their Hoſtilities to his dying Day.

THERE is a Way of managing an Argument not much unlike the former, which is made uſe of by States and Communities, when they draw up a hundred thouſand Diſputants on each Side, and convince one another by Dint of Sword. A certain Grand Monarch was ſo ſenſible of his Strength in this Way of Reaſoning, that he writ upon his great Guns——*Ratio ultima Regum*, *The Logick of Kings*; but, God be thanked, he is now pretty well baffled at his own Weapons. When one has to do with a Philoſopher of this kind, one ſhould remember the old Gentleman's Saying, who had been engaged in an Argument with one of the *Roman* Emperors. Upon his Friend's telling him, That he wonder'd he would give up the Queſtion, when

when he had viſibly the Better of the Diſpute, *I am never aſham'd*, ſays he, *to be confuted by one who is Maſter of fifty Legions.*

I ſhall but juſt mention another kind of Reaſoning, which may be called Arguing by Poll; and another which is of equal Force, in which Wagers are made uſe of as Arguments, according to the celebrated Line in *Hudibras.*

BUT the moſt notable way of managing a Controverſy, is that which we may call *Arguing by Torture.* This is a Method of Reaſoning which has been made uſe of with the poor Refugees, and which was ſo faſhionable in our Country during the Reign of Queen *Mary*, that in a Paſſage of an Author quoted by Monſieur *Bayle*, it is ſaid, the Price of Wood was raiſed in *England*, by reaſon of the Executions that were made in *Smithfield.* Theſe Diſputants convince their Adverſaries with a *Sorites*, commonly called a Pile of Faggots. The Rack is alſo a kind of Syllogiſm which has been uſed with good Effect, and has made Multitudes of Converts. Men were formerly diſputed out of their Doubts, reconciled to Truth by Force of Reaſon, and won over to Opinions by the Candour, Senſe and Ingenuity of thoſe who had the Right on their Side; but this Method of Conviction operated too ſlowly. Pain was found to be much more enlightning than Reaſon. Every Scruple was looked upon as Obſtinacy, and not to be removed but by ſeveral Engines invented for that Purpoſe. In a Word, the Application of Whips, Racks, Gibbets, Gallies, Dungeons, Fire and Faggot, in a Diſpute, may be look'd upon as Popiſh Refinements upon the old Heathen Logick.

THERE is another way of Reaſoning, which ſeldom fails, tho' it be of a quite different Nature to that I have laſt mentioned. I mean, convincing a Man by ready Money, or, as it is ordinarily cal-

led, bribing a Man to an Opinion. This Method has often proved ſucceſsful, when all the others have been made uſe of to no Purpoſe. A Man who is furniſhed with Arguments from the Mint, will convince the Antagoniſt much ſooner, than one who draws them from Reaſon and Philoſophy. Gold is a wonderful clearer of the Underſtanding; it diſſipates every Doubt and Scruple in an Inſtant; accommodates it ſelf to the meaneſt Capacities; ſilences the Loud and Clamorous, and brings over the moſt Obſtinate and Inflexible. *Philip* of *Macedon* was a Man of moſt invincible Reaſon this Way. He refuted by it all the Wiſdom of *Athens*, confounded their Stateſmen, ſtruck their Orators dumb, and at length argued them out of all their Liberties.

HAVING here touched upon the ſeveral Methods of Diſputing, as they have prevailed in different Ages of the World, I ſhall very ſuddenly give my Reader an Account of the whole Art of Cavilling; which ſhall be a full ſatisfactory Anſwer to all ſuch Papers and Pamphlets as have yet appeared againſt the SPECTATOR. C

N° 240. *Wedneſday, December 5.*

——*Aliter non fit, Avite, liber.* Mart.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am of one of the moſt genteel Trades in the 'City, and underſtand thus much of liberal 'Education, as to have an ardent Ambition of be-'ing uſeful to Mankind, and to think that the 'chief End of Being as to this Life. I had theſe 'good Impreſſions given me from the handſome 'Behaviour of a learned, generous, and wealthy 'Man towards me when I firſt began the World. 'Some Diſſatisfactions between me and my Pa-'rents made me enter into it with leſs Reliſh of 'Buſineſs

'Buſineſs than I ought; and to turn off this Un-
'eaſineſs I gave my ſelf to criminal Pleaſures,
'ſome Exceſſes, and a general looſe Conduct. I
'know not what the excellent Man above-men-
'tioned ſaw in me, but he deſcended from the Su-
'periority of his Wiſdom and Merit, to throw
'himſelf frequently into my Company. This made
'me ſoon hope that I had ſomething in me worth
'cultivating; and his Converſation made me ſen-
'ſible of Satisfactions in a regular Way, which I
'had never before imagined. When he was grown
'familiar with me, he opened himſelf like a good
'Angel, and told me, he had long laboured to ri-
'pen me into a Preparation to receive his Friend-
'ſhip and Advice, both which I ſhould daily com-
'mand, and the Uſe of any Part of his Fortune,
'to apply the Meaſures he ſhould propoſe to me,
'for the Improvement of my own. I aſſure you,
'I cannot recollect the Goodneſs and Confuſion
'of the good Man when he ſpoke to this Purpoſe
'to me, without melting into Tears; but, in a
'Word, Sir, I muſt haſten to tell you, that my
'Heart burns with Gratitude towards him, and
'he is ſo happy a Man, that it can never be in my
'Power to return him his Favours in Kind, but I
'am ſure I have made him the moſt agreeable Sa-
'tisfaction I could poſſibly, in being ready to ſerve
'others to my utmoſt Ability, as far as is con-
'ſiſtent with the Prudence he preſcribes to me.
'Dear Mr. SPECTATOR, I do not owe to him
'only the good Will and Eſteem of my own Re-
'lations, (who are People of Diſtinction) the pre-
'ſent Eaſe and Plenty of my Circumſtances, but
'alſo the Government of my Paſſions, and Regu-
'lation of my Deſires. I doubt not, Sir, but in
'your Imagination ſuch Virtues as theſe of my
'worthy Friend, bear as great a Figure, as Actions
'which are more glittering in the common Eſti-

'mation. What I would ask of you, is, to give 'us a whole *Spectator* upon Heroick Virtue in 'common Life, which may incite Men to the 'ſame generous Inclinations, as have by this ad-'mirable Perſon been ſhewn to, and raiſed in,

SIR, *Your humble Servant*,

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am a Country Gentleman, of a good plenti-'ful Eſtate, and live as the reſt of my Neigh-'bours with great Hoſpitality. I have been ever 'reckoned among the Ladies the beſt Company 'in the World, and have Acceſs as a ſort of Fa-'vourite. I never came in Publick but I ſaluted 'them, tho' in great Aſſemblies, all around, where 'it was ſeen how genteely I avoided hampering 'my Spurs in their Petticoats, while I moved 'amongſt them; and on the other Side how pret-'tily they curteſied and received me, ſtanding in 'proper Rows, and advancing as faſt as they ſaw 'their Elders or their Betters diſpatch'd by me. 'But ſo it is, Mr. SPECTATOR, that all our 'good Breeding is of late loſt by the unhappy Ar-'rival of a Courtier, or Town-Gentleman, who 'came lately among us: This Perſon where-ever 'he came into a Room made a profound Bow, 'and fell back, then recovered with a ſoft Air, and 'made a Bow to the next, and ſo to one or two 'more, and then took the Croſs of the Room, by 'paſſing by them in a continued Bow till he arri-'ved at the Perſon he thought proper particularly 'to entertain. This he did with ſo good a Grace 'and Aſſurance, that it is taken for the preſent Fa-'ſhion; and there is no young Gentlewoman with-'in ſeveral Miles of this Place has been kiſſed ever 'ſince his firſt Appearance among us. We Coun-'try Gentlemen cannot begin again and learn theſe 'fine and reſerved Airs; and our Converſation is

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'at a Stand, till we have your Judgment for or 'againſt Kiſſing, by way of Civility or Salutati- 'on; which is impatiently expected by your Friends 'of both Sexes, but by none ſo much as

Your humble Servant,

Ruſtick Sprightly.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Decemb. 3d.* 1711.

'I Was the other Night at *Philaſter*, where I ex- 'pected to hear your famous Trunkmaker, 'but was unhappily diſappointed of his Compa- 'ny, and ſaw another Perſon who had the like 'Ambition to diſtinguiſh himſelf in a noiſy Man- 'ner, partly by Vociferation or talking loud, and 'partly by his bodily Agility. This was a very lu- 'ſty Fellow, but withal a Sort of Beau, who get- 'ting into one of the Side-boxes on the Stage be- 'fore the Curtain drew, was diſpoſed to ſhew the 'whole Audience his Activity by leaping over the 'Spikes; he paſs'd from thence to one of the en- 't'ring Doors, where he took Snuff with a tolera- 'ble good Grace, diſplay'd his fine Cloaths, made 'two or three feint Paſſes at the Curtain with 'his Cane, then fac'd about and appear'd at t'other 'Door: Here he affected to ſurvey the whole Houſe, 'bow'd and ſmil'd at Random, and then ſhew'd 'his Teeth (which were ſome of them indeed very 'white:) After this he retir'd behind the Curtain, 'and obliged us with ſeveral Views of his Perſon 'from every Opening.

'DURING the Time of acting, he appeared 'frequently in the Prince's Apartment, made one 'at the Hunting-match, and was very forward in 'the Rebellion. If there were no Injunctions to 'the contrary, yet this Practice muſt be confeſſed 'to diminiſh the Pleaſure of the Audience, and for 'that Reaſon preſumptuous and unwarrantable: 'But ſince her Majeſty's late Command has made

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‘ it criminal, you have Authority to take Notice
‘ of it.

SIR, Your humble Servant,
T Charles Eaſy.

Nº 241. *Thurſday, December 6.*

——Semperque relinqui
Sola ſibi, ſemper longam incomitata videtur
Ire viam—— Virg.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

‘ THOUGH you have conſidered virtuous
‘ Love in moſt of its Diſtreſſes, I do not re-
‘ member that you have given us any Diſſertation
‘ upon the Abſence of Lovers, or laid down any
‘ Methods how they ſhould ſupport themſelves un-
‘ der thoſe long Separations which they are ſome-
‘ times forced to undergo. I am at preſent in this
‘ unhappy Circumſtance, having parted with the
‘ beſt of Husbands, who is abroad in the Service of
‘ his Country, and may not poſſibly return for ſome
‘ Years. His warm and generous Affection while
‘ we were together, with the Tenderneſs which
‘ he expreſſed to me at parting, make his Abſence
‘ almoſt inſupportable. I think of him every Mo-
‘ ment of the Day, and meet him every Night in
‘ my Dreams. Every Thing I ſee puts me in mind
‘ of him. I apply my ſelf with more than ordina-
‘ ry Diligence to the Care of his Family and his
‘ Eſtate; but this, inſtead of relieving me, gives me
‘ but ſo many Occaſions of wiſhing for his Re-
‘ turn. I frequent the Rooms where I uſed to con-
‘ verſe with him, and not meeting him there, ſit
‘ down in his Chair, and fall a weeping. I love to
‘ read the Books he delighted in, and to converſe
‘ with the Perſons whom he eſteemed. I viſit his
‘ Picture a hundred Times a Day, and place my
‘ ſelf over againſt it whole Hours together. I paſs
‘ a great

'a great part of my Time in the Walks where I 'uſed to lean upon his Arm, and recollect in my 'Mind the Diſcourſes which have there paſſed be-'tween us: I look over the ſeveral Proſpects and 'Points of View which we uſed to ſurvey toge-'ther, fix my Eye upon the Objects which he has 'made me take Notice of, and call to Mind a thou-'ſand agreeable Remarks which he has made on 'thoſe Occaſions. I write to him by every Con-'veyance, and contrary to other People, am al-'ways in good Humour when an Eaſt Wind blows, 'becauſe it ſeldom fails of bringing me a Letter 'from him. Let me intreat you, Sir, to give me 'your Advice upon this Occaſion, and to let me 'know how I may relieve my ſelf in this my Wi-'dowhood.

I am, SIR, Your moſt humble Servant,

ASTERIA.

ABSENCE is what the Poets call Death in Love, and has given Occaſion to abundance of beautiful Complaints in thoſe Authors who have treated of this Paſſion in Verſe. *Ovid*'s Epiſtles are full of them. *Otway*'s *Caſtalio* talks very tenderly upon this Subject.

——It was not kind
To leave me, like a Turtle, here alone,
To droop and mourn the Abſence of my Mate.
When thou art from me, every Place is deſart:
And I, methinks, am ſavage and forlorn.
Thy Preſence only 'tis can make me bleſſed,
Heal my unquiet Mind, and tune my Soul.

THE Conſolations of Lovers on theſe Occaſions are very extraordinary. Beſides thoſe mentioned by *Aſteria*, there are many other Motives of Comfort, which are made uſe of by abſent Lovers.

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I remember in one of *Scudery*'s Romances, a couple of honourable Lovers agreed at their parting to ſet aſide one half Hour in the Day to think of each other during a tedious Abſence. The Romance tells us, that they both of them punctually obſerved the Time thus agreed upon; and that whatever Company or Buſineſs they were engaged in, they left it abruptly as ſoon as the Clock warned them to retire. The Romance further adds, That the Lovers expected the Return of this ſtated Hour with as much Impatience, as if it had been a real Aſſignation, and enjoyed an imaginary Happineſs that was almoſt as pleaſing to them as what they would have found from a real Meeting. It was an inexpreſſible Satisfaction to theſe divided Lovers, to be aſſured that each was at the ſame Time employed in the ſame Kind of Contemplation, and making equal Returns of Tenderneſs and Affection.

If I may be allowed to mention a more ſerious Expedient for the alleviating of Abſence, I ſhall take notice of one which I have known two Perſons practiſe, who joined Religion to that Elegance of Sentiments with which the Paſſion of Love generally inſpires its Votaries. This was, at the Return of ſuch an Hour, to offer up a certain Prayer for each other, which they had agreed upon before their Parting. The Husband, who is a Man that makes a Figure in the polite World, as well as in his own Family, has often told me, that he could not have ſupported an Abſence of three Years without this Expedient.

STRADA, in one of his Proluſions, gives an Account of a chimerical Correſpondence between two Friends by the Help of a certain Loadſtone, which had ſuch a Vertue in it, that if it touched two ſeveral Needles, when one of the Needles ſo touched

touched began to move, the other, tho' at never ſo great a Diſtance, moved at the ſame Time, and in the ſame Manner. He tells us, that the two Friends, being each of them poſſeſſed of one of theſe Needles, made a Kind of Dial-plate, inſcribing it with the four and twenty Letters, in the ſame Manner as the Hours of the Day are marked upon the ordinary Dial-plate. They then fixed one of the Needles on each of theſe Plates in ſuch a Manner, that it could move round without Impediment, ſo as to touch any of the four and twenty Letters. Upon their ſeparating from one another into diſtant Countries, they agreed to withdraw themſelves punctually into their Cloſets at a certain Hour of the Day, and to converſe with one another by means of this their Invention. Accordingly when they were ſome hundred Miles aſunder, each of them ſhut himſelf up in his Cloſet at the Time appointed, and immediately caſt his Eye upon his Dial-plate. If he had a mind to write any thing to his Friend, he directed his Needle to every Letter that formed the Words which he had Occaſion for, making a little Pauſe at the End of every Word or Sentence, to avoid Confuſion. The Friend, in the mean while, ſaw his own ſympathetick Needle moving of it ſelf to every Letter which that of his Correſpondent pointed at. By this means they talked together acroſs a whole Continent, and conveyed their Thoughts to one another in an Inſtant over Cities or Mountains, Seas or Deſarts.

If Monſieur *Scudery*, or any other Writer of Romance, had introduced a Necromancer, who is generally in the Train of a Knight-errant, making a Preſent to two Lovers of a Couple of theſe abovementioned Needles, the Reader would not have been a little pleaſed to have ſeen them correſponding with one another when they were guarded by Spies

Spies and Watches, or ſeparated by Caſtles and Adventures.

IN the mean while, if ever this Invention ſhould be revived or put in Practice, I would propoſe, that upon the Lover's Dial-plate there ſhould be written not only the four and twenty Letters, but ſeveral entire Words which have always a Place in paſſionate Epiſtles, as *Flames*, *Darts*, *Die*, *Languiſh*, *Abſence*, *Cupid*, *Heart*, *Eyes*, *Hang*, *Drown*, and the like. This would very much abridge the Lover's Pains in this Way of writing a Letter, as it would enable him to expreſs the moſt uſeful and ſignificant Words with a ſingle Touch of the Needle. C

N° 242. *Friday, December 7.*

Creditur ex medio quia res arceſſit habere
Sudoris minimum —— Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOUR Speculations do not ſo generally pre-
'vail over Mens Manners as I could wiſh.
'A former Paper of yours, concerning the Misbe-
'haviour of People, who are neceſſarily in each
'other's Company in travelling, ought to have
'been a laſting Admonition againſt Tranſgreſſions
'of that Kind: But I had the Fate of your Quaker,
'in meeting with a rude Fellow in a Stage-Coach,
'who entertained two or three Women of us (for
'there was no Man beſides himſelf) with Language
'as indecent as ever was heard upon the Water.
'The impertinent Obſervations which the Cox-
'comb made upon our Shame and Confuſion, were
'ſuch, that it is an unſpeakable Grief to reflect up-
'on them. As much as you have declaimed a-
'gainſt Duelling, I hope you will do us the Juſtice
'to declare, that if the Brute has Courage enough
'to

'to ſend to the Place where he ſaw us all alight 'together to get rid of him, there is not one of us 'but has a Lover who ſhall avenge the Inſult. It 'would certainly be worth your Conſideration, 'to look into the frequent Misfortunes of this 'kind, to which the Modeſt and Innocent are ex-'poſed, by the licentious Behaviour of ſuch, as are 'as much Strangers to good Breeding as to Virtue. 'Could we avoid hearing what we do not approve, 'as eaſily as we can ſeeing what is diſagreeable, 'there were ſome Conſolation; but ſince, at a Box 'in a Play, in an Aſſembly of Ladies, or even in 'a Pew at Church, it is in the Power of a groſs 'Coxcomb to utter what a Woman cannot avoid 'hearing, how miſerable is her Condition who 'comes within the Power of ſuch Impertinents? 'And how neceſſary is it to repeat Invectives againſt 'ſuch a Behaviour? If the Licentious had not ut-'terly forgot what it is to be modeſt, they would 'know that offended Modeſty labours under one 'of the greateſt Sufferings to which humane Life 'can be expoſed. If one of theſe Brutes could re-'flect thus much, tho' they want Shame they 'would be moved, by their Pity, to abhor an impu-'dent Behaviour in the Preſence of the Chaſte and 'Innocent. If you will oblige us with a *Spectator* 'on this Subject, and procure it to be paſted againſt 'every Stage-Coach in *Great-Britain*, as the Law 'of the Journey, you will highly oblige the whole 'Sex, for which you have profeſſed ſo great an 'Eſteem; and, in particular, the two Ladies, my 'late Fellow-Sufferers, and,

SIR, Your moſt humble Servant,

Rebecca Ridinghood.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THE Matter which I am now going to ſend 'you, is an unhappy Story in low Life, and

'will recommend it ſelf, ſo that you muſt excuſe
'the Manner of expreſſing it. A poor idle drunk-
'en Weaver in *Spittle-Fields* has a faithful labo-
'rious Wife, who by her Frugality and Induſtry
'had laid by her as much Money as purchaſed her
'a Ticket in the preſent Lottery. She had hid
'this very privately in the Bottom of a Trunk, and
'had given her Number to a Friend and Confident,
'who had promiſed to keep the Secret, and bring
'her News of the Succeſs. The poor Adventur-
'er was one Day gone abroad, when her careleſs
'Husband, ſuſpecting ſhe had ſaved ſome Money,
'ſearches every Corner, till at length he finds this
'ſame Ticket; which he immediately carries a-
'broad, ſells, and ſquanders away the Money,
'without his Wife's ſuſpecting any thing of the
'Matter. A Day or two after this, this Friend,
'who was a Woman, comes and brings the Wife
'word, that ſhe had a Benefit of Five Hundred
'Pounds. The Poor Creature overjoyed, flies up
'Stairs to her Husband, who was then at Work,
'and deſires him to leave his Loom for that Even-
'ing, and come and drink with a Friend of his
'and hers below. The Man received this chear-
'ful Invitation as bad Husbands ſometimes do, and
'after a croſs Word or two, told her he wou'dn't
'come. His Wife with Tenderneſs renewed her
'Importunity, and at length ſaid to him, My Love!
'I have within theſe few Months, unknown to
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'cient and modern, were of Opinion, that both 'Pleaſure and Pain were imaginary Diſtinctions; 'and that there was no ſuch thing as either *in re-* 'rum Natura. I have often heard them affirm that 'the Fire was not hot; and one Day when I, with 'the Authority of an old Fellow, deſired one of 'them to put my blue Cloak on my Knees, ſhe 'anſwered, Sir, I will reach the Cloak; but, take 'Notice, I do not do it as allowing your Deſcrip- 'tion; for it might as well be called Yellow as 'Blue; for Colour is nothing but the various In- 'fractions of the Rays of the Sun. Miſs *Molly* 'told me one Day, That to ſay Snow is white, is 'allowing a vulgar Error; for as it contains a great 'Quantity of nitrous Particles, it may more rea- 'ſonably be ſuppoſed to be black. In ſhort, the 'young Huſſeys would perſuade me, that to be- 'lieve one's Eyes is a ſure Way to be deceived; 'and have often adviſed me, by no means, to truſt 'any thing ſo fallible as my Senſes. What I have 'to beg of you now, is, to turn one Speculation 'to the due Regulation of female Literature, ſo far 'at leaſt, as to make it conſiſtent with the Quiet 'of ſuch, whoſe Fate it is to be liable to its Inſults; 'and to tell us the Difference between a Gentle- 'man that ſhould make Cheeſecakes and raiſe Paſte, 'and a Lady that reads *Lock*, and underſtands the 'Mathematicks. In which you will extreamly 'oblige

Your hearty Friend, and humble ſervant,

Abraham Thrifty.

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N° 243. *Saturday, December* 8.

Formam quidem ipſam, Marce fili, & tanquam faciem Honeſti vides: quæ ſi oculis cerneretur, mirabiles amores (ut ait Plato) excitaret Sapientiæ.
Tull. Offic.

I Do not remember to have read any Diſcourſe written expreſly upon the Beauty and Lovelineſs of Virtue, without conſidering it as a Duty, and as the Means of making us happy both now and hereafter. I deſign therefore this Speculation as an Eſſay upon that Subject, in which I ſhall conſider Virtue no further than as it is in it ſelf of an amiable Nature, after having premiſed, that I underſtand by the Word Virtue ſuch a general Notion as is affixed to it by the Writers of Morality, and which by devout Men generally goes under the Name of Religion, and by Men of the World under the Name of Honour.

HYPOCRISY it ſelf does great Honour, or rather Juſtice, to Religion, and tacitly acknowledges it to be an Ornament to humane Nature. The Hypocrite would not be at ſo much Pains to put on the Appearance of Virtue, if he did not know it was the moſt proper and effectual Means to gain the Love and Eſteem of Mankind.

WE learn from *Hierocles*, it was a common Saying among the Heathens, that the wiſe Man hates no Body, but only loves the Virtuous.

TULLY has a very beautiful Gradation of Thoughts, to ſhew how amiable Virtue is. We love a virtuous Man, ſays he, who lives in the remoteſt Parts of the Earth, tho' we are altogether out of the Reach of his Virtue, and can receive from it no Manner of Benefit; nay, one who died ſeveral Ages ago, raiſes a ſecret Fondneſs and

Benevolence for him in our Minds, when we read his Story: Nay, what is ſtill more, one who has been the Enemy of our Country, provided his Wars were regulated by Juſtice and Humanity, as in the Inſtance of *Pyrrhus*, whom *Tully* mentions on this Occaſion in Oppoſition to *Hannibal*. Such is the natural Beauty and Lovelineſs of Virtue.

STOICISM, which was the Pedantry of Virtue, aſcribes all good Qualifications, of what Kind ſoever, to the virtuous Man. Accordingly *Cato*, in the Character *Tully* has left of him, carried Matters ſo far, that he would not allow any one but a virtuous Man to be handſome. This indeed looks more like a Philoſophical Rant, than the real Opinion of a Wiſe Man; yet this was what *Cato* very ſeriouſly maintained. In ſhort, the Stoicks thought they could not ſufficiently repreſent the Excellence of Virtue, if they did not comprehend in the Notion of it all poſſible Perfection; and therefore did not only ſuppoſe, that it was tranſcendently beautiful in it ſelf, but that it made the very Body amiable, and baniſhed every Kind of Deformity from the Perſon in whom it reſided.

IT is a common Obſervation, that the moſt abandoned to all Senſe of Goodneſs, are apt to wiſh thoſe who are related to them of a different Character; and it is very obſervable, that none are more ſtruck with the Charms of Virtue in the fair Sex, than thoſe who by their very Admiration of it are carried to a Deſire of ruining it.

A virtuous Mind in a fair Body is indeed a fine Picture in a good Light, and therefore it is no Wonder that it makes the beautiful Sex all over Charms.

AS Virtue in general is of an amiable and lovely Nature, there are ſome particular Kinds of it which are more ſo than others, and theſe are ſuch as diſpoſe us to do Good to Mankind. Temperance and Abſtinence,

ſtinence, Faith and Devotion, are in themſelves perhaps as laudable as any other Virtues; but thoſe which make a Man popular and beloved, are Juſtice, Charity, Munificence, and, in ſhort, all the good Qualities that render us beneficial to each other. For which Reaſon, even an extravagant Man, who has nothing elſe to recommend him but a falſe Generoſity, is often more beloved and eſteemed than a Perſon of a much more finiſhed Character, who is defective in this Particular.

THE two great Ornaments of Virtue, which ſhew her in the moſt advantagious Views, and make her altogether lovely, are Chearfulneſs and good Nature. Theſe generally go together, as a Man cannot be agreeable to others who is not eaſy within himſelf. They are both very requiſite in a virtuous Mind, to keep out Melancholy from the many ſerious Thoughts it is engaged in, and to hinder its natural Hatred of Vice from ſouring into Severity and Cenſoriouſneſs.

IF Virtue is of this amiable Nature, what can we think of thoſe who can look upon it with an Eye of Hatred and Ill-will, or can ſuffer their Averſion for a Party to blot out all the Merit of the Perſon who is engaged in it. A Man muſt be exceſſively ſtupid, as well as uncharitable, who believes that there is no Virtue but on his own Side, and that there are not Men as honeſt as himſelf who may differ from him in political Principles. Men may oppoſe one another in ſome Particulars, but ought not to carry their Hatred to thoſe Qualities which are of ſo amiable a Nature in themſelves, and have nothing to do with the Points in Diſpute. Men of Virtue, though of different Intereſts, ought to conſider themſelves as more nearly united with one another, than with the vitious Part of Mankind, who embark with them in the ſame civil Concerns. We ſhould bear the ſame Love towards a Man of Ho-

Honour, who is a living Antagoniſt, which *Tully* tells us in the forementioned Paſſage every one naturally does to an Enemy that is Dead. In ſhort, we ſhould eſteem Virtue though in a Foe, and abhor Vice though in a Friend.

I ſpeak this with an Eye to thoſe cruel Treatments which Men of all Sides are apt to give the Characters of thoſe who do not agree with them. How many Perſons of undoubted Probity, and exemplary Virtue, on either Side, are blackned and defamed? How many Men of Honour expoſed to publick Obloquy and Reproach? Thoſe therefore who are either the Inſtruments or Abettors in ſuch Infernal Dealings, ought to be looked upon as Perſons who make uſe of Religion to promote their Cauſe, not of their Cauſe to promote Religion.

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N° 244. *Monday, December* 10.

——*Judex & calidus audis.* Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Covent-Garden, Nov.* 7.

'I Cannot, without a double Injuſtice, forbear 'expreſſing to you the Satisfaction which a 'whole Clan of Virtuoſos have received from 'thoſe Hints which you have lately given the Town 'on the Cartons of the inimitable *Raphael*. It 'ſhould be methinks the Buſineſs of a SPECTATOR to improve the Pleaſures of Sight, and 'there cannot be a more immediate Way to it than 'recommending the Study and Obſervation of ex'cellent Drawings and Pictures. When I firſt 'went to view thoſe of *Raphael* which you have 'celebrated, I muſt confeſs I was but barely plea'ſed; the next time I liked them better, but at 'laſt as I grew better acquainted with them, I fell 'deeply in Love with them, like wiſe Speeches

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'they ſunk deep into my Heart; for you know, 'Mr. SPECTATOR, that a Man of Wit may 'extreamly affect one for the Preſent, but if he 'has not Diſcretion, his Merit ſoon vaniſhes away, 'while a wiſe Man that has not ſo great a Stock 'of Wit, ſhall nevertheleſs give you a far greater 'and more laſting Satisfaction: Juſt ſo it is in a 'Picture that is ſmartly touched but not well ſtu-'died; one may call it a witty Picture, tho' the 'Painter in the mean Time may be in Danger of 'being called a Fool. On the other Hand, a Pic-'ture that is thoroughly underſtood in the Whole, 'and well performed in the Particulars, that is be-'gun on a Foundation of Geometry, carried on 'by the Rules of Perſpective, Architecture, and 'Anatomy, and perfected by a good Harmony, a 'juſt and natural Colouring, and ſuch Paſſions 'and Expreſſions of the Mind as are almoſt pecu-'liar to *Raphael*; this is what you may juſtly ſtile 'a wiſe Picture, and which ſeldom fails to ſtrike 'us Dumb, till we can aſſemble all our Faculties 'to make but a tolerable Judgment upon it. Other 'Pictures are made for the Eyes only, as Rattles 'are made for Childrens Ears; and certainly that 'Picture that only pleaſes the Eye, without repre-'ſenting ſome well-choſen Part of Nature or other, 'does but ſhew what fine Colours are to be ſold 'at the Colour-ſhop, and mocks the Works of the 'Creator. If the beſt Imitator of Nature is not 'to be eſteemed the beſt Painter, but he that makes 'the greateſt Show and Glare of Colours; it will 'neceſſarily follow, that he who can array him-'ſelf in the moſt gaudy Draperies is beſt dreſt, and 'he that can ſpeak loudeſt the beſt Orator. Every 'Man when he looks on a Picture, ſhould exa-'mine it according to that Share of Reaſon he is 'Maſter of, or he will be in Danger of making a 'wrong Judgment. If Men as they walk abroad

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'would make more frequent Obſervations on 'thoſe Beauties of Nature which every Moment 'preſent themſelves to their View, they would be 'better Judges when they ſaw her well imitated 'at home: This would help to correct thoſe Er-'rors which moſt Pretenders fall into, who are 'over haſty in their Judgments, and will not ſtay 'to let Reaſon come in for a Share in the Deci-'ſion. 'Tis for want of this that Men miſtake in 'this Caſe and in common Life, a wild extrava-'gant Pencil for one that is truly bold and great, 'an impudent Fellow for a Man of true Courage 'and Bravery, haſty and unreaſonable Actions for 'Enterprizes of Spirit and Reſolution, gaudy Co-'louring for that which is truly beautiful, a falſe 'and inſinuating Diſcourſe for ſimple Truth ele-'gantly recommended. The Parallel will hold 'through all the Parts of Life and Painting too; 'and the Virtuoſos above-mentioned will be glad 'to ſee you draw it with your Terms of Art. As 'the Shadows in a Picture repreſent the ſerious or 'melancholy, ſo the Lights do the bright and live-'ly Thoughts: As there ſhould be but one for-'cible Light in a Picture which ſhould catch the 'Eye and fall on the Hero, ſo there ſhould be but 'one Object of our Love, even the Author of 'Nature. Theſe, and the like Reflections, well 'improved, might very much contribute to open 'the Beauty of that Art, and prevent young Peo-'ple from being poiſoned by the ill Guſto of any 'extravagant Workman that ſhould be impoſed 'upon us.

I am, SIR, Your moſt humble Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THOUGH I am a Woman, yet I am one 'of thoſe who confeſs themſelves highly 'pleaſed with a Speculation you obliged the World 'with

'with ſome Time ago, from an old *Greek* Poet 'you call *Simonides*, in Relation to the ſeveral 'Natures and Diſtinctions of our own Sex. I 'could not but admire how juſtly the Characters 'of Women in this Age fall in with the Times 'of *Simonides*, there being no one of thoſe Sorts 'I have not at ſome Time or other of my Life 'met with a Sample of. But, Sir, the Subject of 'this preſent Addreſs, are a Set of Women com-'prehended, I think, in the Ninth Specie of that 'Speculation, called the Apes; the Deſcription of 'whom I find to be, "That they are ſuch as are "both ugly and ill-natured, who have nothing "beautiful themſelves, and endeavour to detract "from or ridicule every thing that appears ſo in "others." Now, Sir, this Sect, as I have been 'told, is very frequent in the great Town where 'you live; but as my Circumſtance of Life obli-'ges me to reſide altogether in the Country, though 'not many Miles from *London*, I can't have met 'with a great Number of 'em, nor indeed is it a 'deſirable Acquaintance, as I have lately found by 'Experience. You muſt know, Sir, that at the 'Beginning of this Summer a Family of theſe 'Apes came and ſettled for the Seaſon not far from 'the Place where I live. As they were Strangers 'in the Country, they were viſited by the Ladies 'about 'em, of whom I was, with an Humanity 'uſual in thoſe who paſs moſt of their Time in 'Solitude. The Apes lived with us very agreeably 'our own Way till towards the End of the Sum-'mer, when they began to bethink themſelves of 'returning to Town; then it was, *Mr.* SPEC-'TATOR, that they began to ſet themſelves about 'the proper and diſtinguiſhing Buſineſs of their 'Character; and, as 'tis ſaid of evil Spirits, that 'they are apt to carry away a Piece of the Houſe 'they are about to leave, the Apes, without Re-

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'gard to common Mercy, Civility, or Gratitude, 'thought fit to mimick and fall foul on the Faces, 'Dreſs, and Behaviour of their innocent Neigh-'bours, beſtowing abominable Cenſures and diſ-'graceful Appellations, commonly called Nick-'names, on all of them; and, in ſhort, like true 'fine Ladies, made their honeſt Plainneſs and Sin-'cerity Matter of Ridicule. I could not but ac-'quaint you with theſe Grievances, as well at the 'Deſire of all the Parties injured, as from my own 'Inclination. I hope, Sir, if you can't propoſe in-'tirely to reform this Evil, you will take ſuch No-'tice of it in ſome of your future Speculations, as 'may put the deſerving Part of our Sex on their 'Guard againſt theſe Creatures; and at the ſame 'Time the Apes may be ſenſible, that this ſort of 'Mirth is ſo far from an innocent Diverſion, that 'it is in the higheſt Degree that Vice which is ſaid 'to comprehend all others. T

I am, SIR, Your humble Servant.

Conſtantia Field.

N° 245. *Tueſday, December* 11.

Ficta Voluptatis causâ ſint proxima veris. Hor.

THERE is nothing which one regards ſo much with an Eye of Mirth and Pity as Innocence, when it has in it a Daſh of Folly. At the ſame Time that one eſteems the Virtue, one is tempted to laugh at the Simplicity which accompanies it. When a Man is made up wholly of the Dove, without the leaſt Grain of the Serpent in his Compoſition, he becomes ridiculous in many Circumſtances of Life, and very often diſcredits his beſt Actions. The *Cordeliers* tell a Story of their Founder St. *Francis*, that as he paſſed the Streets in the Dusk of the Evening, he diſcovered a

a young Fellow with a Maid in a Corner; upon which the good Man, ſay they, lifted up his Hands to Heaven with a ſecret Thankſgiving, that there was ſtill ſo much Chriſtian Charity in the World. The Innocence of the Saint made him miſtake the Kiſs of a Lover for a Salute of Charity. I am heartily concerned when I ſee a virtuous Man without a competent Knowledge of the World; and if there be any Uſe in theſe my Papers, it is this, that without repreſenting Vice under any falſe alluring Notions, they give my Reader an Inſight into the Ways of Men, and repreſent humane Nature in all its changeable Colours. The Man who has not been engaged in any of the Follies of the World, or, as *Shakeſpear* expreſſes it, *hackney'd in the Ways of Men*, may here find a Picture of its Follies and Extravagancies. The Virtuous and the Innocent may know in Speculation what they could never arrive at by Practice, and by this Means avoid the Snares of the Crafty, the Corruptions of the Vicious, and the Reaſonings of the Prejudiced. Their Minds may be opened without being vitiated.

IT is with an Eye to my following Correſpondent, Mr. *Timothy Doodle*, who ſeems a very well meaning Man, that I have written this ſhort Preface, to which I ſhall ſubjoin a Letter from the ſaid Mr. *Doodle*.

SIR,

'I Could heartily wiſh that you would let us 'know your Opinion upon ſeveral innocent 'Diverſions which are in uſe among us, and which 'are very proper to paſs away a Winter Night 'for thoſe who do not care to throw away their 'Time at an Opera, or at the Playhouſe. I would 'gladly know in particular what Notion you have 'of Hot-cockles; as alſo whether you think that 'Queſtions and Commands, Mottoes, Similies,

'and croſs Purpoſes, have not more Mirth and
'Wit in them, than thoſe publick Diverſions which
'are grown ſo very faſhionable among us. If you
'would recommend to our Wives and Daughters,
'who read your Papers with a great deal of Plea-
'ſure, ſome of thoſe Sports and Paſtimes that may
'be practiſed within Doors, and by the Fire-ſide,
'we who are Maſters of Families ſhould be huge-
'ly obliged to you. I need not tell you that I
'would have theſe Sports and Paſtimes not only
'merry but innocent. for which Reaſon I have not
'mentioned either Whisk or Lanterloo, nor in-
'deed ſo much as One and Thirty. After having
'communicated to you my Requeſt upon this Sub-
'ject, I will be ſo free as to tell you how my
'Wife and I paſs away theſe tedious Winter Even-
'ings with a great deal of Pleaſure. Tho' ſhe
'be young, and handſome, and good-humoured
'to a Miracle, ſhe does not care for gadding abroad
'like others of her Sex. There is a very friendly
'Man, a Colonel in the Army, whom I am migh-
'tily obliged to for his Civilities, that comes to ſee
'me almoſt every Night; for he is not one of thoſe
'giddy young Fellows that cannot live out of a
'Play-houſe. When we are together, we very of-
'ten make a Party at Blind-Man's Buff, which is
'a Sport that I like the better, becauſe there is a
'good deal of Exerciſe in it. The Colonel and I
'are blinded by Turns, and you would laugh your
'Heart out to ſee what Pains my Dear takes to
'hoodwink us, ſo that it is impoſſible for us to
'ſee the leaſt Glimpſe of Light. The poor Colo-
'nel ſometimes hits his Noſe againſt a Poſt, and
'makes us die with laughing. I have generally the
'good Luck not to hurt my ſelf, but am very of-
'ten above half an Hour before I can catch either
'of them; for you muſt know we hide our ſelves
'up and down in Corners, that we may have the

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'more Sport. I only give you this Hint as a Sam-
'ple of ſuch innocent Diverſions as I would have
'you recommend; and am,

Moſt eſteemed SIR,

Your ever-loving Friend,

Timothy Doodle.

THE following Letter was occaſioned by my laſt *Thurſday*'s Paper upon the Abſence of Lovers, and the Methods therein mentioned of making ſuch Abſence ſupportable.

SIR,

'AMONG the ſeveral Ways of Conſolation
'which abſent Lovers make uſe of while
'their Souls are in that State of Departure, which
'you ſay is Death in Love, there are ſome very
'material ones, that have eſcaped your Notice.
'Among theſe, the firſt and moſt received is a
'crooked Shilling, which has adminiſtred great
'Comfort to our Fore-fathers, and is ſtill made uſe
'of on this Occaſion with very good Effect in
'moſt Parts of her Majeſty's Dominions. There
'are ſome, I know, who think a Crown Piece cut
'into two equal Parts, and preſerved by the diſt-
'ant Lovers, is of more ſovereign Vertue than the
'former. But ſince Opinions are divided in this
'Particular, why may not the ſame Perſons make
'uſe of both? The Figure of a Heart, whether cut
'in Stone or caſt in Metal, whether bleeding up-
'on an Altar, ſtuck with Darts, or held in the
'Hand of a *Cupid*, has always been looked upon
'as Taliſmannick in Diſtreſſes of this Nature. I
'am acquainted with many a brave Fellow, who
'carries his Miſtreſs in the Lid of his Snuff-box,
'and by that Expedient has ſupported himſelf un-
'der the Abſence of a whole Campaign. For my
'own Part, I have tried all theſe Remedies, but

'never found ſo much Benefit from any as from 'a Ring, in which my Miſtreſs's Hair is platted 'together very artificially in a Kind of True-Lo-'ver's Knot. As I have received great Benefit 'from this Secret, I think my ſelf obliged to com-'municate it to the Publick, for the Good of my 'Fellow-Subjects. I deſire you will add this Let-'ter as an Appendix to your Conſolations upon 'Abſence, and am,

Your very humble Servant, T.B.

I ſhall conclude this Paper with a Letter from an Univerſity Gentleman, occaſioned by my laſt *Tueſday*'s Paper, wherein I gave ſome Account of the great Feuds which happened formerly in thoſe learned Bodies, between the modern *Greeks* and *Trojans*.

SIR,

'THIS will give you to underſtand, that there 'is at preſent in the Society, whereof I am 'a Member, a very conſiderable Body of *Trojans*, 'who, upon a proper Occaſion, would not fail to 'declare our ſelves. In the mean while we do all 'we can to annoy our Enemies by Stratagem, and 'are reſolved, by the firſt Opportunity, to attack 'Mr. *Joſhua Barnes*, whom we look upon as the '*Achilles* of the oppoſite Party. As for my ſelf, 'I have had the Reputation, ever ſince I came from 'School, of being a truſty *Trojan*, and am reſol-'ved never to give Quarter to the ſmalleſt Particle 'of *Greek*, where-ever I chance to meet it. It is 'for this Reaſon I take it very ill of you, that you 'ſometimes hang out *Greek* Colours at the Head 'of your Paper, and ſometimes give a Word of 'the Enemy even in the Body of it. When I meet 'with any Thing of this Nature, I throw down 'your Speculations upon the Table; with that

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'Form of Words which we make uſe of when
'we declare War upon an Author,

Græcum eſt, non poteſt legi.

'I give you this Hint, that you may for the future
'abſtain from any ſuch Hoſtilities at your Peril.

C *Troïlus.*

N° 246. *Wedneſday, December* 12.

——Οὐκ ἄρα σοί γε πατὴρ ἦν ἱππότα Πηλεύς,
Οὐδὲ Θέτις μήτηρ, γλαυκὴ δέ σ' ἔτικτε θάλασσα,
Πέτραι τ' ἠλίβατοι, ὅτι τοι νόος ἐστὶν ἀπλωής.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'AS your Paper is Part of the Equipage of the
'Tea-table, I conjure you to print what I
'now write to you; for I have no other Way to
'communicate what I have to ſay to the fair Sex
'on the moſt important Circumſtance of Life,
'even the Care of Children. I do not underſtand
'that you profeſs your Paper is always to conſiſt
'of Matters which are only to entertain the Learn-
'ed and Polite, but that it may agree with your
'Deſign to publiſh ſome which may tend to the
'Information of Mankind in general; and when
'it does ſo, you do more than writing Wit and
'Humour. Give me Leave then to tell you, that
'of all the Abuſes that ever you have as yet endea-
'voured to reform, certainly not one wanted ſo
'much your Aſſiſtance as the Abuſe in nurſing of
'Children. It is unmerciful to ſee, that a Woman
'endowed with all the Perfections and Bleſſings
'of Nature, can, as ſoon as ſhe is delivered, turn
'off her innocent, tender, and helpleſs Infant, and
'give it up to a Woman that is (ten thouſand to
'one) neither in Health nor good Condition, nei-
'ther ſound in Mind nor Body, that has neither
'Honour nor Reputation, neither Love nor Pity
'for the poor Babe, but more Regard for the Mo-

'ney than for the whole Child, and never will 'take further Care of it than what by all the En-'couragement of Money and Preſents ſhe is for-'ced to; like *Æſop*'s Earth, which would not nurſe 'the Plant of another Ground, although never ſo 'much improved, by reaſon that Plant was not of 'its own Production. And ſince another's Child 'is no more natural to a Nurſe than a Plant to a 'ſtrange and different Ground, how can it be ſup-'poſed that the Child ſhould thrive; and if it thrives, 'muſt it not imbibe the groſs Humours and Quali-'ties of the Nurſe, like a Plant in a different Ground, 'or like a Graft upon a different Stock? Do not we 'obſerve, that a Lamb ſucking a Goat changes ve-'ry much its Nature, nay, even its Skin and Wool 'into the Goat Kind? The Power of a Nurſe o-'ver a Child, by infuſing into it with her Milk 'her Qualities and Diſpoſition, is ſufficiently and 'daily obſerved: Hence came that old Saying con-'cerning an ill-natur'd and malicious Fellow, that 'he had imbibed his Malice with his Nurſe's Milk, 'or that ſome Brute or other had been his Nurſe. 'Hence *Romulus* and *Remus* were ſaid to have 'been nurſed by a Wolf, *Telephus* the Son of *Her-'cules* by a Hind, *Pelias* the Son of *Neptune* by 'a Mare, and *Ægiſthus* by a Goat; not that they 'had actually ſuck'd ſuch Creatures, as ſome Sim-'pletons have imagined, but that their Nurſes had 'been of ſuch a Nature and Temper, and infuſed 'ſuch into them.

'Many Inſtances may be produced from good 'Authorities and daily Experience, that Children 'actually ſuck in the ſeveral Paſſions and depraved 'Inclinations of their Nurſes, as Anger, Malice, 'Fear, Melancholy, Sadneſs, Deſire, and Aver-'ſion. This *Diodorus*, *lib.* 2. witneſſes, when he 'ſpeaks, ſaying, That *Nero* the Emperor's Nurſe 'had been very much addicted to Drinking; which

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'Habit *Nero* received from his Nurſe, and was ſo 'very particular in this, that the People took ſo 'much Notice of it, as inſtead of *Tiberius Nero*, 'they call'd him *Biberius Mero*. The ſame *Dio-* 'dorus alſo relates of *Caligula*, Predeceſſor to *Ne-* 'ro, that his Nurſe uſed to moiſten the Nipples of 'her Breaſt frequently with Blood, to make *Cali-* 'gula take the better Hold of them; which, ſays 'Diodorus, was the Cauſe that made him ſo blood- 'thirſty and cruel all his Life-time after, that he 'not only committed frequent Murder by his own 'Hand, but likewiſe wiſh'd that all human Kind 'wore but one Neck, that he might have the Plea- 'ſure to cut it off. Such like Degeneracies aſto- 'niſh the Parents, who not knowing after whom 'the Child can take, ſee one to incline to Steal- 'ing, another to Drinking, Cruelty, Stupidity; yet 'all theſe are not minded. Nay, it is eaſy to de- 'monſtrate, that a Child, altho' it be born from 'the beſt of Parents, may be corrupted by an ill- 'tempered Nurſe. How many Children do we 'ſee daily brought into Fits, Conſumptions, Rick- 'ets, &c. merely by ſucking their Nurſes when in 'a Paſſion or Fury? But indeed almoſt any Diſ- 'order of the Nurſe is a Diſorder to the Child, 'and few Nurſes can be found in this Town but 'what labour under ſome Diſtemper or other. The 'firſt Queſtion that is generally asked a young Wo- 'man that wants to be Nurſe, why ſhe ſhould be 'a Nurſe to other People's Children; is anſwered 'by her having an ill Husband, and that ſhe muſt 'make ſhift to live. I think now this very Anſwer 'is enough to give any Body a Shock, if duly con- 'ſidered; for an ill Husband may, or ten to one 'if he does not, bring home to his Wife an ill Di- 'ſtemper, or at leaſt Vexation and Diſturbance. 'Beſides, as ſhe takes the Child out of mere Ne- 'ceſſity, her Food will be accordingly, or elſe ve-

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'ry coarſe at beſt; whence proceeds an ill con-
'cocted and coarſe Food for the Child; for as the
'Blood ſo is the Milk; and hence I am very well
'aſſured proceeds the Scurvy, the Evil, and many
'other Diſtempers. I beg of you, for the Sake of
'the many poor Infants that may and will be ſa-
'ved, by weighing this Caſe ſeriouſly, to exhort
'the People with the utmoſt Vehemence to let the
'Children ſuck their own Mothers, both for the
'Benefit of Mother and Child. For the general
'Argument, that a Mother is weakened by giving
'Suck to her Children, is vain and ſimple; I will
'maintain that the Mother grows ſtronger by it,
'and will have her Health better than ſhe would
'have otherwiſe: She will find it the greateſt Cure
'and Preſervative for the Vapours and future Miſ-
'carriages, much beyond any other Remedy what-
'ſoever: Her Children will be like Giants, where-
'as otherwiſe they are but living Shadows and like
'unripe Fruit; and certainly if a Woman is ſtrong
'enough to bring forth a Child, ſhe is beyond all
'Doubt ſtrong enough to nurſe it afterwards. It
'grieves me to obſerve and conſider how many
'poor Children are daily ruin'd by careleſs Nur-
'ſes; and yet how tender ought they to be of a
'poor Infant, ſince the leaſt Hurt or Blow, eſpe-
'cially upon the Head, may make it ſenſeleſs, ſtu-
'pid, or otherwiſe miſerable for ever?

'BUT I cannot well leave this Subject as yet; for
'it ſeems to me very unnatural, that a Woman that
'has fed a Child as Part of her ſelf for nine Months,
'ſhould have no Deſire to nurſe it farther, when
'brought to Light and before her Eyes, and when
'by its Cry it implores her Aſſiſtance and the Of-
'fice of a Mother. Do not the very cruelleſt of
'Brutes tend their young ones with all the Care
'and Delight imaginable? For how can ſhe be cal-
'led a Mother that will not nurſe her young ones?

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'The Earth is call'd the Mother of all Things, 'not becauſe ſhe produces, but becauſe ſhe main-'tains and nurſes what ſhe produces. The Gene-'ration of the Infant is the Effect of Deſire, but 'the Care of it argues Virtue and Choice. I am 'not ignorant but that there are ſome Caſes of 'Neceſſity where a Mother cannot give Suck, and 'then out of two Evils the leaſt muſt be choſen; 'but there are ſo very few, that I am ſure in a 'Thouſand there is hardly one real Inſtance; for 'if a Woman does but know that her Husband 'can ſpare about three or ſix Shillings a Week ex-'traordinary, (altho' this is but ſeldom conſidered) 'ſhe certainly, with the Aſſiſtance of her Goſſips, 'will ſoon perſwade the good Man to ſend the 'Child to Nurſe, and eaſily impoſe upon him 'by pretending Indiſpoſition. Thus Cruelty is 'ſupported by Faſhion, and Nature gives Place to 'Cuſtom.

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SIR, Your humble Servant.

N° 247. *Thurſday, December* 13.

--------Τῶν δ' ἀνδμεξ@ρίει αἰδὼ
Ἐκ ϛομάτων ἰδέϊα -------- Heſ.

WE are told by ſome ancient Authors, that *Socrates* was inſtructed in Eloquence by a Woman, whoſe Name, if I am not miſtaken, was *Aſpaſia*. I have indeed very often looked upon that Art as the moſt proper for the Female Sex, and I think the Univerſities would do well to conſider whether they ſhould not fill their Rhetorick Chairs with She Profeſſors.

IT has been ſaid in the Praiſe of ſome Men, that they could talk whole Hours together upon any Thing; but it muſt be owned to the Honour of the other Sex, that there are many among them who can talk whole Hours together upon Nothing.

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I have known a Woman branch out into a long Extempore Diſſertation upon the Edging of a Petticoat, and chide her Servant for breaking a China Cup, in all the Figures of Rhetorick.

WERE Women admitted to plead in Courts of Judicature, I am perſwaded they would carry the Eloquence of the Bar to greater Heights than it has yet arrived at. If any one doubts this, let him but be preſent at thoſe Debates which frequently ariſe among the Ladies of the *Britiſh* Fiſhery.

THE firſt Kind therefore of Female Orators which I ſhall take Notice of, are thoſe who are employed in ſtirring up the Paſſions, a Part of Rhetorick in which *Socrates* his Wife had perhaps made a greater Proficiency than his above-mentioned Teacher.

THE ſecond Kind of Female Orators are thoſe who deal in Invectives, and who are commonly known by the Name of the Cenſorious. The Imagination and Elocution of this Set of Rhetoricians is wonderful. With what a Fluency of Invention, and Copiouſneſs of Expreſſion, will they enlarge upon every little Slip in the Behaviour of another? With how many different Circumſtances, and with what Variety of Phraſes, will they tell over the ſame Story? I have known an old Lady make an unhappy Marriage the Subject of a Month's Converſation. She blamed the Bride in one Place, pitied her in another; laughed at her in a third; wondered at her in a fourth; was angry with her in a fifth; and in ſhort, wore out a Pair of Coach-Horſes in expreſſing her Concern for her. At length, after having quite exhauſted the Subject on this Side, ſhe made a Viſit to the new married Pair, praiſed the Wife for the prudent Choice ſhe had made, told her the unreaſonable Reflections which ſome malicious People had caſt upon her, and deſired that they might be better acquainted. The Cenſure

ſure and Approbation of this Kind of Women are therefore only to be conſider'd as Helps to Diſcourſe.

A third Kind of Female Orators may be comprehended under the Word *Goſſips*. Mrs. *Fiddle Faddle* is perfectly accompliſhed in this Sort of Eloquence; ſhe launches out into Deſcriptions of Chriſtenings, runs Diviſions upon an Head-Dreſs, knows every Diſh of Meat that is ſerved up in her Neighbourhood, and entertains her Company a whole Afternoon together with the Wit of her little Boy, before he is able to ſpeak.

THE Coquet may be looked upon as a fourth Kind of Female Orator. To give her ſelf the larger Field for Diſcourſe, ſhe hates and loves in the ſame Breath, talks to her Lap-Dog or Parrot, is uneaſy in all Kinds of Weather, and in every Part of the Room: She has falſe Quarrels and feigned Obligations to all the Men of her Acquaintance; ſighs when ſhe is not ſad, and laughs when ſhe is not merry. The Coquet is in particular a great Miſtreſs of that Part of Oratory which is called Action, and indeed ſeems to ſpeak for no other Purpoſe, but as it gives her an Opportunity of ſtirring a Limb, or varying a Feature, of glancing her Eyes, or playing with her Fan.

As for News-mongers, Politicians, Mimicks, Story-tellers, with other Characters of that Nature, which give Birth to Loquacity, they are as commonly found among the Men as the Women; for which Reaſon I ſhall paſs them over in Silence.

I have been often puzzled to aſſign a Cauſe, why Women ſhould have this Talent of a ready Utterance in ſo much greater Perfection than Men. I have ſometimes fancied that they have not a Retentive Power, the Faculty of ſuppreſſing their Thoughts, as Men have, but that they are neceſſitated to ſpeak every Thing they think; and if ſo,

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it would perhaps furniſh a very ſtrong Argument to the *Carteſians*, for the ſupporting of their Doctrine, that the Soul always thinks. But as ſeveral are of Opinion that the Fair Sex are not altogether Strangers to the Arts of Diſſembling, and concealing their Thoughts, I have been forc'd to relinquiſh that Opinion, and have therefore endeavoured to ſeek after ſome better Reaſon. In order to it, a Friend of mine, who is an excellent Anatomiſt, has promiſed me by the firſt Opportunity to diſſect a Woman's Tongue, and to examine whether there may not be in it certain Juices which render it ſo wonderfully voluble or flippant, or whether the Fibres of it may not be made up of a finer or more pliant Thread, or whether there are not in it ſome particular Muſcles, which dart it up and down by ſuch ſudden Glances and Vibrations; or whether, in the laſt Place, there may not be certain undiſcovered Channels running from the Head and the Heart, to this little Inſtrument of Loquacity, and conveying into it a perpetual Affluence of animal Spirits. Nor muſt I omit the Reaſon which *Hudibras* has given, why thoſe who can talk on Trifles ſpeak with the greateſt Fluency; namely, that the Tongue is like a Race-Horſe, which runs the faſter the leſſer Weight it carries.

WHICH of theſe Reaſons ſoever may be looked upon as the moſt probable. I think the *Iriſhman*'s Thought was very natural, who after ſome Hours Converſation with a Female Orator, told her, that he believed her Tongue was very glad when ſhe was aſleep, for that it had not a Moment's Reſt all the while ſhe was awake.

THAT excellent old Ballad of the *Wanton Wife of Bath* has the following remarkable Lines.

I think, quoth Thomas, *Womens Tongues*
Of Aſpen Leaves are made.

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AND *Ovid*, though in the Deſcription of a very barbarous Circumſtance, tells us, That when the Tongue of a beautiful Female was cut out, and thrown upon the Ground, it could not forbear muttering even in that Poſture.

——Comprenſam forcipe linguam
Abſtulit enſe fero. Radix micat ultima linguæ.
Ipſa jacet, terræque tremens immurmurat atræ;
Utque ſalire ſolet mutilatæ cauda colubræ
Palpitat:——

IF a Tongue would be talking without a Mouth, what could it have done when it had all its Organs of Speech, and Accomplices of Sound about it? I might here mention the Story of the Pippin-Woman, had not I ſome Reaſon to look upon it as fabulous.

I muſt confeſs I am ſo wonderfully charmed with the Muſick of this little Inſtrument, that I would by no Means diſcourage it. All that I aim at by this Diſſertation is, to cure it of ſeveral diſagreeable Notes, and in particular of thoſe little Jarrings and Diſſonances which ariſe from Anger, Cenſoriouſneſs, Goſſiping and Coquettry. In ſhort, I would have it always tuned by Good-Nature, Truth, Diſcretion and Sincerity. C

N° 248. *Friday, December* 14.

Hoc maximè Officii eſt, ut quiſque maximè opis indigeat, ita ei potiſſimùm opitulari. Tull.

THERE are none who deſerve Superiority over others in the Eſteem of Mankind, who do not make it their Endeavour to make it beneficial to Society; and who upon all Occaſions which their Circumſtances of Life can adminiſter, do not take a certain unfeigned Pleaſure in conferring Benefits of one Kind or other. Thoſe whoſe great

Talents and high Birth have placed them in conſpicuous Stations of Life, are indiſpenſably obliged to exert ſome noble Inclinations for the Service of the World, or elſe ſuch Advantages become Misfortunes, and Shade and Privacy are a more eligible Portion. Where Opportunities and Inclinations are given to the ſame Perſon, we ſometimes ſee ſublime Inſtances of Virtue, which ſo dazzle our Imaginations, that we look with Scorn on all which in lower Scenes of Life we may our ſelves be able to practiſe. But this is a vicious Way of Thinking; and it bears ſome Spice of romantick Madneſs, for a Man to imagine that he muſt grow ambitious, or ſeek Adventures, to be able to do great Actions. It is in every Man's Power in the World who is above mere Poverty, not only to do Things worthy but heroick. The great Foundation of civil Virtue is Self-Denial; and there is no one above the Neceſſities of Life, but has Opportunities of exerciſing that noble Quality, and doing as much as his Circumſtances will bear for the Eaſe and Convenience of other Men; and he who does more than ordinarily Men practiſe upon ſuch Occaſions as occur in his Life, deſerves the Value of his Friends as if he had done Enterprizes which are uſually attended with the higheſt Glory. Men of publick Spirit differ rather in Circumſtances than their Virtue; and the Man who does all he can in a low Station, is more an Hero than he who omits any worthy Action he is able to accompliſh in a great one. It is not many Years ago ſince *Lapirius*, in Wrong of his elder Brother, came to a great Eſtate by Gift of his Father, by reaſon of the diſſolute Behaviour of the Firſt-born. Shame and Contrition reformed the Life of the diſinherited Youth, and he became as remarkable for his good Qualities as formerly for his Errors. *Lapirius*, who obſerved his Brother's Amendment, ſent

ſent him on a New-Year's Day in the Morning the following Letter:

Honoured Brother,

'I Encloſe to you the Deeds whereby my Fa-
'ther gave me this Houſe and Land: Had he
'lived 'till now, he would not have beſtowed it
'in that Manner; he took it from the Man you
'were, and I reſtore it to the Man you are. I am,

SIR, *Your affectionate Brother*,
and humble Servant, P. T.

As great and exalted Spirits undertake the Purſuit of hazardous Actions for the good of others, at the ſame Time gratifying their Paſſion for Glory; ſo do worthy Minds in the domeſtick Way of Life deny themſelves many Advantages, to ſatisfy a generous Benevolence which they bear to their Friends oppreſſed with Diſtreſſes and Calamities. Such Natures one may call Stores of Providence, which are actuated by a ſecret Celeſtial Influence to undervalue the ordinary Gratifications of Wealth, to give Comfort to an Heart loaded with Affliction, to ſave a falling Family, to preſerve a Branch of Trade in their Neighbourhood, and give Work to the Induſtrious, preſerve the Portion of the helpleſs Infant, and raiſe the Head of the mourning Father. People whoſe Hearts are wholly bent towards Pleaſure, or intent upon Gain, never hear of the noble Occurrences among Men of Induſtry and Humanity. It would look like a City Romance, to tell them of the generous Merchant who the other Day ſent this Billet to an eminent Trader under Difficulties to ſupport himſelf, in whoſe Fall many hundreds beſides himſelf had periſhed; but becauſe I think there is more Spirit and true Gallantry in it than in any Letter I have ever read

from *Strephon* to *Phillis*, I ſhall inſert it even in the mercantile honeſt Stile in which it was ſent.

SIR,

'I Have heard of the Caſualties which have involved you in extreme Diſtreſs at this Time; 'and knowing you to be a Man of great Good-Nature, Induſtry, and Probity, have reſolv'd to ſtand 'by you. Be of good chear, the Bearer brings with 'him five thouſand Pounds, and has my Order to 'anſwer your drawing as much more on my Account. I did this in Haſte, for fear I ſhould come 'too late for your Relief; but you may value your 'ſelf with me to the Sum of fifty thouſand Pounds; 'for I can very chearfully run the Hazard of being 'ſo much leſs rich than I am now, to ſave an honeſt Man whom I love.

Your Friend and Servant, W.S.

I think there is ſomewhere in *Montaigne* Mention made of a Family-Book, wherein all the Occurrences that happened from one Generation of that Houſe to another were recorded. Were there ſuch a Method in the Families which are concerned in this Generoſity, it would be an hard Task for the greateſt in *Europe* to give, in their own, an Inſtance of a Benefit better placed, or conferred with a more graceful Air. It has been heretofore urged, how barbarous and inhumane is any unjuſt Step made to the Diſadvantage of a Trader; and by how much ſuch an Act towards him is deteſtable, by ſo much an Act of Kindneſs towards him is laudable. I remember to have heard a Bencher of the *Temple* tell a Story of a Tradition in their Houſe, where they had formerly a Cuſtom of chuſing Kings for ſuch a Seaſon, and allowing him his Expences at the Charge of the Society: One of our Kings, ſaid my Friend, carried his Royal Inclination a little too far,

far, and there was a Committee ordered to look into the Management of his Treaſury. Among other things it appeared, that his Majeſty walking *incog.* in the Cloyſter, had overheard a poor Man ſay to another, Such a ſmall Sum would make me the happieſt Man in the World. The King out of his Royal Compaſſion privately enquired into his Character, and finding him a proper Object of Charity, ſent him the Money. When the Committee read their Report, the Houſe paſſed his Accompts with a Plaudite without further Examination, upon Recital of this Article in them,

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N° 249. *Saturday, December* 15.

Γέλως ἀκαιρος ἐν βροτοῖς δεινὸν κακόν. Frag. Vet. Po.

WHEN I make Choice of a Subject that has not been treated of by others, I throw together my Reflections on it without any Order or Method, ſo that they may appear rather in the Looſeneſs and Freedom of an Eſſay, than in the Regularity of a ſet Diſcourſe. It is after this Manner that I ſhall conſider Laughter and Ridicule in my preſent Paper.

MAN is the merrieſt Species of the Creation, all above and below him are ſerious. He ſees Things in a different Light from other Beings, and finds his Mirth riſing from Objects that perhaps cauſe ſomething like Pity or Diſpleaſure in higher Natures. Laughter is indeed a very good Counterpoize to the Spleen; and it ſeems but reaſonable that we ſhould be capable of receiving Joy from what is no real Good to us, ſince we can receive Grief from what is no real Evil.

I have in my forty ſeventh Paper raiſed a Speculation on the Notion of a Modern Philoſopher,

who deſcribes the firſt Motive of Laughter to be a ſecret Compariſon which we make between our ſelves, and the Perſons we laugh at; or, in other Words, that Satisfaction which we receive from the Opinion of ſome Pre-eminence in our ſelves, when we ſee the Abſurdities of another, or when we reflect on any paſt Abſurdities of our own. This ſeems to hold in moſt Caſes, and we may obſerve, that the vaineſt Part of Mankind are the moſt addicted to this Paſſion.

I have read a Sermon of a Conventual in the Church of *Rome*, on thoſe Words of the wiſe Man, *I ſaid of Laughter, it is mad; and of Mirth, what does it?* Upon which he laid it down as a Point of Doctrine, that Laughter was the Effect of Original Sin, and that *Adam* could not laugh before the Fall.

LAUGHTER, while it laſts, ſlackens and unbraces the Mind, weakens the Faculties, and cauſes a Kind of Remiſſneſs and Diſſolution in all the Powers of the Soul: And thus far it may be looked upon as a Weakneſs in the Compoſition of humane Nature. But if we conſider the frequent Reliefs we receive from it, and how often it breaks the Gloom which is apt to depreſs the Mind and damp our Spirits with tranſient unexpected Gleams of Joy, one would take Care not to grow too wiſe for ſo great a Pleaſure of Life.

THE Talent of turning Men into Ridicule, and expoſing to Laughter thoſe one converſes with, is the Qualification of little ungenerous Tempers. A young Man with this Caſt of Mind cuts himſelf off from all manner of Improvement. Every one has his Flaws and Weakneſſes; nay, the greateſt Blemiſhes are often found in the moſt ſhining Characters; but what an abſurd thing is it to paſs over all the valuable Parts of a Man, and fix our Attention on his Infirmities? To obſerve his Imperfecti-

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ons more than his Virtues? and to make uſe of him for the Sport of others, rather than for our own Improvement?

WE therefore very often find, that Perſons the moſt accompliſhed in Ridicule are thoſe who are very ſhrewd at hitting a Blot, without exerting any thing maſterly in themſelves. As there are many eminent Criticks who never writ a good Line, there are many admirable Buffoons that animadvert upon every ſingle Defect in another, without ever diſcovering the leaſt Beauty of their own. By this Means, theſe unlucky little Wits often gain Reputation in the Eſteem of vulgar Minds, and raiſe themſelves above Perſons of much more laudable Characters.

If the Talent of Ridicule were employed to laugh Men out of Vice and Folly, it might be of ſome uſe to the World; but inſtead of this, we find that it is generally made uſe of to laugh Men out of Virtue and good Senſe, by attacking every thing that is ſolemn and ſerious, decent and praiſe-worthy in humane Life.

WE may obſerve, that in the firſt Ages of the World, when the great Souls and Maſter-pieces of humane Nature were produced, Men ſhined by a noble Simplicity of Behaviour, and were Strangers to thoſe little Embelliſhments which are ſo faſhionable in our preſent Converſation. And it is very remarkable, that notwithſtanding we fall ſhort at preſent of the Ancients in Poetry, Painting, Oratory, Hiſtory, Architecture, and all the noble Arts and Sciences which depend more upon Genius, than Experience, we exceed them as much in Doggerel, Humour, Burleſque, and all the trivial Arts of Ridicule. We meet with more Raillery among the Moderns, but more good Senſe among the Ancients.

THE two great Branches of Ridicule in Writing are Comedy and Burleſque. The firſt ridicules Per-

Perſons by drawing them in their proper Characters, the other by drawing them quite unlike themſelves. Burleſque is therefore of two Kinds; the firſt repreſents mean Perſons in the Accoutrements of Heroes, the other deſcribes great Perſons acting and ſpeaking like the baſeſt among the People. Don *Quixote* is an Inſtance of the firſt, and *Lucian*'s Gods of the ſecond. It is a Diſpute among the Criticks, whether Burleſque Poetry runs beſt in Heroick Verſe, like that of the *Diſpenſary*; or in Doggerel, like that of *Hudibras*. I think where the low Character is to be raiſed, the Heroick is the proper Meaſure; but when an Hero is to be pulled down and degraded, it is done beſt in Doggerel.

IF *Hudibras* had been ſet out with as much Wit and Humour in Heroick Verſe as he is in Doggerel, he would have made a much more agreeable Figure than he does; tho' the Generality of his Readers are ſo wonderfully pleaſed with the double Rhimes, that I do not expect many will be of my Opinion in this Particular.

I ſhall conclude this Eſſay upon Laughter with obſerving, that the Metaphor of Laughing, applied to Fields and Meadows when they are in Flower, or to Trees when they are in Bloſſom, runs through all Languages; which I have not obſerved of any other Metaphor, excepting that of Fire and Burning when they are applied to Love. This ſhews that we naturally regard Laughter, as what is in it ſelf both amiable and beautiful. For this Reaſon likewiſe *Venus* has gained the Title of φιλομείδης, the Laughter-loving Dame, as *Waller* has tranſlated it, and is repreſented by *Horace* as the Goddeſs who delights in Laughter. *Milton*, in a joyous Aſſembly of imaginary Perſons, has given us a very Poetical Figure of Laughter. His whole Band of Mirth is ſo finely deſcribed, that I ſhall ſet the Paſſage down at length.

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But come thou Goddeſs fair and free,
In Heaven ycleap'd Euphroſyne,
And by Men, heart-eaſing Mirth,
Whom lovely Venus *at a Birth*
With two Siſter Graces more
To Ivy-crowned Bacchus *bore:*
Haſte thee Nymph, and bring with thee
Jeſt and youthful Jollity,
Quips and Cranks, and wanton Wiles,
Nods, and Becks, and wreathed Smiles,
Such as hang on Hebe's *Cheek,*
And love to live in Dimple ſleek;
Sport that wrinkled Care derides,
And Laughter holding both his Sides.
Come, and trip it as you go,
On the light fantaſtick Toe,
And in thy right Hand lead with thee
The Mountain Nymph, ſweet Liberty;
And if I give thee Honour due,
Mirth, admit me of thy Crew,
To live with her, and live with thee,
In unreproved Pleaſures free. C

N° 250. *Monday, December* 17.

Diſce, docendus adhuc, quæ cenſet amiculus, ut ſi
Cæcus iter monſtrare velit; tamen aſpice ſi quid
Et nos, quod cures proprium feciſſe, loquamur.
Hor.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU ſee the Nature of my Requeſt by the '*Latin* Motto which I addreſs to you. I 'am very ſenſible I ought not to uſe many Words 'to you, who are one of but few; but the fol-'lowing Piece, as it relates to Speculation in 'Propriety of Speech, being a Curioſity in its kind, 'begs your Patience. It was found in a Poetical 'Vir-

'Virtuoſo's Cloſet among his Rarities; and ſince 'the ſeveral Treatiſes of Thumbs, Ears, and No-'ſes, have obliged the World, this of Eyes is at 'your Service.

'THE firſt Eye of Conſequence (under the invi-'ſible Author of all) is the viſible Luminary of the 'Univerſe. This glorious Spectator is ſaid never 'to open his Eyes at his Riſing in a Morning, 'without having a whole Kingdom of Adorers in '*Perſian* Silk waiting at his Levée. Millions of 'Creatures derive their Sight from this Original, 'who, beſides his being the great Director of Op-'ticks, is the ſureſt Teſt whether Eyes be of the 'ſame Species with that of an Eagle, or that of an 'Owl: The one he emboldens with a manly Aſ-'ſurance to look, ſpeak, act or plead before the 'Faces of a numerous Aſſembly; the other he daz-'zles out of Countenance into a ſheepiſh Deject-'edneſs. The Sun-Proof Eye dares lead up a 'Dance in a full Court; and without blinking at 'the Luſtre of Beauty, can diſtribute an Eye of 'proper Complaiſance to a Room crouded with 'Company, each of which deſerves particular Re-'gard; whilſt the other ſneaks from Converſation, 'like a fearful Debtor, who never dares look out, 'but when he can ſee no Body, and no Body him.

'THE next Inſtance of Opticks is the famous '*Argus*, who (to ſpeak in the Language of *Cam-'bridge*) was one of an Hundred; and being uſed 'as a Spy in the Affairs of Jealouſy, was obliged 'to have all his Eyes about him. We have no Ac-'count of the particular Colours, Caſts and Turns 'of this Body of Eyes; but as he was Pimp for 'his Miſtreſs *Juno*, 'tis probable he uſed all the 'modern Leers, ſly Glances, and other ocular Ac-'tivities to ſerve his Purpoſe. Some look upon 'him as the then King at Arms to the Heatheniſh

'Dei-

'Deities; and make no more of his Eyes than as 'ſo many Spangles of his Herald's Coat.

'THE next upon the Optick Liſt is old *Janus*, 'who ſtood in a double-ſighted Capacity like a 'Perſon placed betwixt two oppoſite Looking-'Glaſſes, and ſo took a ſort of retroſpective Caſt 'at one View. Copies of this double-faced way 'are not yet out of Faſhion with many Profeſſions, 'and the ingenious Artiſts pretend to keep up this 'Species by double-headed Canes and Spoons; 'but there is no Mark of this Faculty, except in 'the emblematical way of a wiſe General having 'an Eye to both Front and Rear, or a pious Man 'taking a Review and Proſpect of his paſt and fu-'ture State at the ſame Time.

'I muſt own, that the Names, Colours, Qua-'lities, and Turns of Eyes vary almoſt in every 'Head; for, not to mention the common Appel-'lations of the black, the blue, the white, the grey, 'and the like; the moſt remarkable are thoſe that 'borrow their Titles from Animals, by Vertue of 'ſome particular Quality or Reſemblance they bear 'to the Eyes of the reſpective Creature; as that of a 'greedy rapacious Aſpect takes its Name from a 'Cat, that of a ſharp piercing Nature from the 'Hawk, thoſe of an amorous roguiſh Look derive 'their Title even from the Sheep, and we ſay ſuch 'an one has a Sheep's Eye, not ſo much to denote 'the Innocence as the ſimple Slyneſs of the Caſt: 'Nor is this metaphorical Inoculation a modern 'Invention, for we find *Homer* taking the Free-'dom to place the Eye of an Ox, Bull or Cow 'in one of his principal Goddeſſes, by that fre-'quent Expreſſion of

Βοῶπις πότνια Ἥρη - - - - - -

'NOW as to the peculiar Qualities of the Eye, 'that fine Part of our Conſtitution ſeems as much

'the

'the Receptacle and Seat of our Paſſions, Appe-
'tites, and Inclinations as the Mind it ſelf; at leaſt
'it is as the outward Portal to introduce them to
'the Houſe within, or rather the common Tho-
'rough-fare to let our Affections paſs in and out;
'Love, Anger, Pride, and Avarice, all viſibly
'move in thoſe little Orbs. I know a young La-
'dy that can't ſee a certain Gentleman paſs by
'without ſhewing a ſecret Deſire of ſeeing him
'again by a Dance in her Eye-balls; nay, ſhe can't
'for the Heart of her help looking half a Street's
'Length after any Man in a gay Dreſs. You can't
'behold a covetous Spirit walk by a Goldſmith's
'Shop, without caſting a wiſhful Eye at the Heaps
'upon the Counter. Does not an haughty Perſon
'ſhew the Temper of his Soul in the ſupercilious
'Rowl of his Eye? And how frequently in the
'Height of Paſſion does that moving Picture in
'our Head ſtart and ſtare, gather a Redneſs and
'quick Flaſhes of Lightning, and make all its Hu-
'mours ſparkle with Fire, as *Virgil* finely de-
'ſcribes it,

——Ardentis ab ore
Scintillæ abſiſtunt: oculis micat acribus ignis.

'As for the various Turns of Eye-ſight, ſuch
'as the voluntary or involuntary, the half or the
'whole Leer, I ſhall not enter into a very par-
'ticular Account of them; but let me obſerve,
'that oblique Viſion, when natural, was anciently
'the Mark of Bewitchery and magical Faſcinati-
'on, and to this Day 'tis a malignant ill Look;
'but when 'tis forced and affected it carries a wan-
'ton Deſign, and in Play-houſes, and other pub-
'lick Places, this ocular Intimation is often an
'Aſſignation for bad Practices: But this Irregula-
'rity in Viſion, together with ſuch Enormities as
'tipping the Wink, the circumſpective Rowl, the
'Side-

'Side-peep through a thin Hood or Fan, muſt be 'put in the Claſs of Heteropticks, as all wrong 'Notions of Religion are ranked under the gene-'ral Name of Heterodox. All the pernicious Ap-'plications of Sight are more immediately under 'the Direction of a SPECTATOR; and I hope 'you will arm your Readers againſt the Miſchiefs 'which are daily done by killing Eyes, in which 'you will highly oblige your wounded unknown 'Friend, *T. B.*

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU profeſſed in ſeveral Papers your particu-'lar Endeavours, in the Province of SPEC-'TATOR, to correct the Offences committed by 'Starers. who diſturb whole Aſſemblies without 'any Regard to Time, Place, or Modeſty. You 'complained alſo, that a Starer is not uſually a 'Perſon to be convinced by the Reaſon of the 'Thing; nor ſo eaſily rebuked, as to amend by 'Admonitions. I thought therefore fit to acquaint 'you with a convenient mechanical Way, which 'may eaſily prevent or correct Staring, by an op-'tical Contrivance of new Perſpective-glaſſes, ſhort 'and commodious like Opera-glaſſes, fit for ſhort-'ſighted People as well as others; theſe Glaſſes mak-'ing the Objects appear, either as they are ſeen by 'the naked Eye, or more diſtinct, tho' ſomewhat 'leſs than Life, or bigger and nearer. A Perſon 'may, by the Help of this Invention, take a View 'of another, without the Impertinence of Staring; 'at the ſame Time, it ſhall not be poſſible to know 'whom or what he is looking at. One may look 'towards his right or left Hand, when he is ſup-'poſed to look forwards: This is ſet forth at large 'in the printed Propoſals for the Sale of theſe 'Glaſſes, to be had at Mr. *Dillon*'s in *Long-Acre*, 'next Door to the *White-Hart*. Now, Sir, as

'your *Spectator* has occaſioned the Publiſhing of 'this Invention, for the Benefit of modeſt Spectators, the Inventor deſires your Admonitions concerning the decent Uſe of it; and hopes, by your 'Recommendation, that for the future Beauty may 'be beheld without the Torture and Confuſion 'which it ſuffers from the Inſolence of Starers. 'By this means you will relieve the Innocent from 'an Inſult which there is no Law to puniſh, tho' 'it is a greater Offence than many which are within the Cognizance of Juſtice. I am,

SIR, Your moſt humble Servant.

Q Abraham Spy.

N° 251. *Tueſday, December* 18.

——Linguæ centum ſunt, oraque centum,
Ferrea Vox.—— Virg.

THERE is nothing which more aſtoniſhes a Foreigner, and frights a Country Squire, than the *Cries of London*. My good Friend Sir ROGER often declares, that he cannot get them out of his Head, or go to Sleep for them, the firſt Week that he is in Town. On the contrary, WILL. HONEYCOMB calls them the *Ramage de la Ville*, and prefers them to the Sounds of Larks and Nightingales, with all the Muſick of the Fields and Woods. I have lately received a Letter from ſome very odd Fellow upon this Subject, which I ſhall leave with my Reader, without ſaying any thing further of it.

SIR,

'I Am a Man out of all Buſineſs, and would 'willingly turn my Head to any thing for an 'honeſt Livelihood. I have invented ſeveral Pro'jects for raiſing many Millions of Money with'out burthening the Subject, but I cannot get the 'Parliament to liſten to me, who look upon me, 'for-

'forſooth, as a Crack, and a Projector; ſo that 'deſpairing to enrich either my ſelf or my Coun-'try by this Publick-ſpiritedneſs, I would make 'ſome Propoſals to you relating to a Deſign which 'I have very much at Heart, and which may pro-'cure me an handſome Subſiſtance, if you will be 'pleaſed to recommend it to the Cities of *London* 'and *Weſtminſter*.

'The Poſt I would aim at, is to be Comptrol-'ler-General of the *London* Cries, which are at 'preſent under no manner of Rules or Diſcipline. 'I think I am pretty well qualified for this Place, 'as being a Man of very ſtrong Lungs, of great In-'ſight into all the Branches of our *Britiſh* Trades 'and Manufactures, and of a competent Skill in 'Muſick.

'THE Cries of *London* may be divided into vo-'cal and inſtrumental. As for the latter, they are 'at preſent under a very great Diſorder. A Free-'man of *London* has the Privilege of diſturbing a 'whole Street for an Hour together, with the 'Twanking of a Braſs-Kettle or a Frying-Pan. 'The Watch-man's Thump at Midnight ſtartles 'us in our Beds, as much as the Breaking in of a 'Thief. The Sowgelder's Horn has indeed ſome-'thing muſical in it, but this is ſeldom heard with-'in the Liberties. I would therefore propoſe, that 'no Inſtrument of this Nature ſhould be made uſe 'of, which I have not tuned and licenſed, after 'having carefully examined in what manner it may 'affect the Ears of Her Majeſty's liege Subjects.

'VOCAL Cries are of a much larger Extent, 'and indeed ſo full of Incongruities and Barbariſms, 'that we appear a diſtracted City to Foreigners, who 'do not comprehend the Meaning of ſuch enor-'mous Outcries. Milk is generally ſold in a Note 'above *Ela*, and in Sounds ſo exceeding ſhrill, that 'it often ſets our Teeth on Edge. The Chimney-

'ſweeper is confined to no certain Pitch; he ſometimes utters himſelf in the deepeſt Baſe, and ſometimes in the ſharpeſt Treble; ſometimes in the higheſt, and ſometimes in the loweſt Note of the Gamut. The ſame Obſervation might be made on the Retailers of Small-coal, not to mention broken Glaſſes or Brick-duſt. In theſe therefore, and the like Caſes, it ſhould be my Care to ſweeten and mellow the Voices of theſe itinerant Tradeſmen, before they make their Appearance in our Streets; as alſo to accommodate their Cries to their reſpective Wares; and to take Care in particular, that thoſe may not make the moſt Noiſe who have the leaſt to ſell, which is very obſervable in the Venders of Card-matches, to whom I cannot but apply that old Proverb of *Much Cry but little Wool.*

'SOME of theſe laſt-mentioned Muſicians are ſo very loud in the Sale of theſe trifling Manufactures, that an honeſt ſplenetick Gentleman of my Acquaintance bargained with one of them never to come into the Street where he lived: But what was the Effect of this Contract? Why, the whole Tribe of Card-match-makers which frequent that Quarter, paſſed by his Door the very next Day, in hopes of being bought off after the ſame manner.

'IT is another great Imperfection in our *London* Cries, that there is no juſt Time nor Meaſure obſerved in them. Our News ſhould indeed be publiſhed in a very quick Time, becauſe it is a Commodity that will not keep cold. It ſhould not, however, be cried with the ſame Precipitation as *Fire:* Yet this is generally the Caſe: A bloody Battle alarms the Town from one End to another in an Inſtant. Every Motion of the *French* is publiſhed in ſo great an Hurry, that one would think the Enemy were at our Gates. This likewiſe

'I would

'I would take upon me to regulate in ſuch a Manner, that there ſhould be ſome Diſtinction made between the ſpreading of a Victory, a March, or an Incampment, a *Dutch*, a *Portugal*, or a *Spaniſh* Mail. Nor muſt I omit under this Head, thoſe exceſſive Alarms with which ſeveral boiſterous Ruſticks infeſt our Streets in Turnip-Seaſon; and which are more inexcuſable, becauſe theſe are Wares which are in no Danger of cooling upon their Hands.

'THERE are others who affect a very ſlow Time, and are, in my Opinion, much more tunable than the former; the Cooper in particular ſwells his laſt Note in an hollow Voice, that is not without its Harmony; nor can I forbear being inſpired with a moſt agreeable Melancholy, when I hear that ſad and ſolemn Air with which the Publick is very often asked, if they have any Chairs to mend? Your own Memory may ſuggeſt to you many other lamentable Ditties of the ſame Nature, in which the Muſick is wonderfully languiſhing and melodious.

'I am always pleaſed with that particular Time of the Year which is proper for the pickling of Dill and Cucumbers; but, alas, this Cry, like the Song of the Nightingale, is not heard above two Months. It would therefore be worth while to conſider, whether the ſame Air might not in ſome Caſes be adapted to other Words.

'IT might likewiſe deſerve our moſt ſerious Conſideration, how far, in a well-regulated City, thoſe Humouriſts are to be tolerated, who, not contented with the traditional Cries of their Forefathers, have invented particular Songs and Tunes of their own: Such as was, not many Years ſince, the Paſtry-Man, commonly known by the Name of the Colly-Molly-Puff; and ſuch as is at this Day the Vender of Powder and Waſh-balls,

'balls, who, if I am rightly informed, goes under 'the Name of *Powder-Watt*.

'I muſt not here omit one particular Abſurdity 'which runs through this whole vociferous Gene- 'ration, and which renders their Cries very often 'not only incommodious, but altogether uſeleſs 'to the Publick; I mean, that idle Accompliſh- 'ment which they all of them aim at, of crying ſo 'as not to be underſtood. Whether or no they 'have learned this from ſeveral of our affected 'Singers, I will not take upon me to ſay; but moſt 'certain it is, that People know the Wares they 'deal in rather by their Tunes than by their Words; 'inſomuch that I have ſometimes ſeen a Country 'Boy run out to buy Apples of a Bellows-mender, 'and Ginger-bread from a Grinder of Knives and 'Sciſſars. Nay, ſo ſtrangely infatuated are ſome 'very eminent Artiſts of this particular Grace in a 'Cry, that none but their Acquaintance are able to 'gueſs at their Profeſſion; for who elſe can know, 'that *Work if I had it*, ſhould be the Signification 'of a Corn-Cutter?

'FORASMUCH therefore as Perſons of this 'Rank are ſeldom Men of Genius or Capacity, 'I think it would be very proper, that ſome Man 'of good Senſe and ſound Judgment ſhould pre- 'ſide over theſe publick Cries, who ſhould permit 'none to lift up their Voices in our Streets, that 'have not tuneable Throats, and are not only able 'to overcome the Noiſe of the Croud, and the 'Rattling of Coaches, but alſo to vend their re- 'ſpective Merchandizes in apt Phraſes, and in the 'moſt diſtinct and agreeable Sounds. I do there- 'fore humbly recommend my ſelf as a Perſon right- 'ly qualified for this Poſt; and if I meet with fit- 'ting Encouragement, ſhall communicate ſome 'other Projects which I have by me, that may no 'leſs conduce to the Emolument of the Publick.

I am, SIR, &c. Ralph Crotchet.

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